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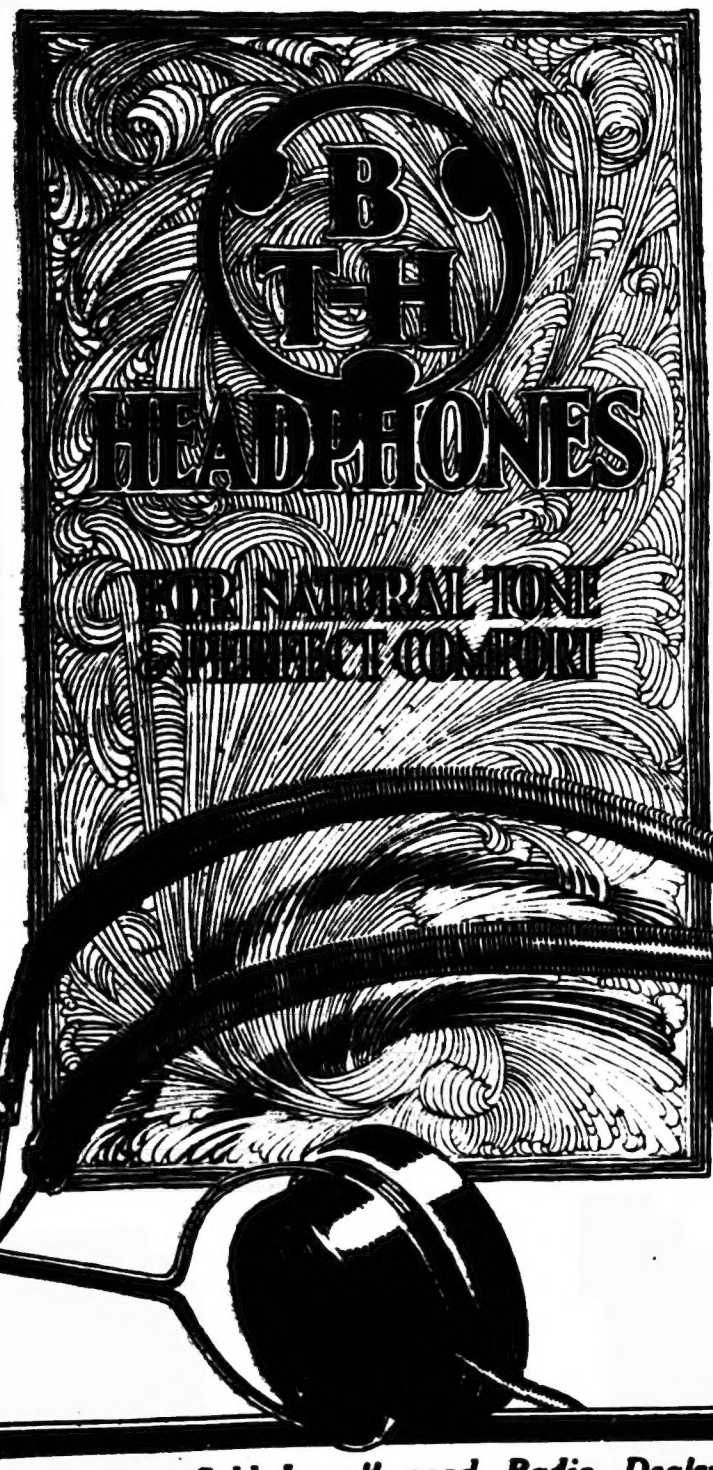


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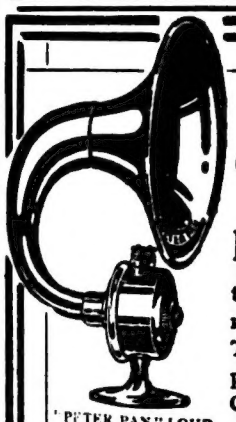

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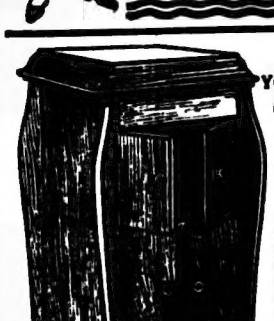

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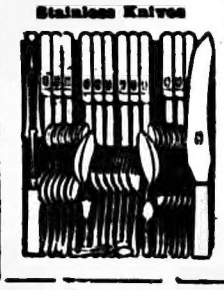

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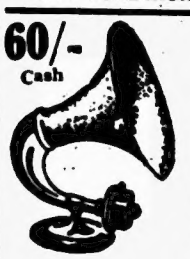

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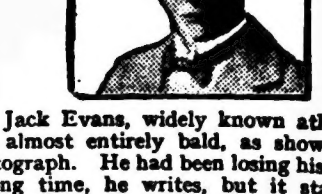

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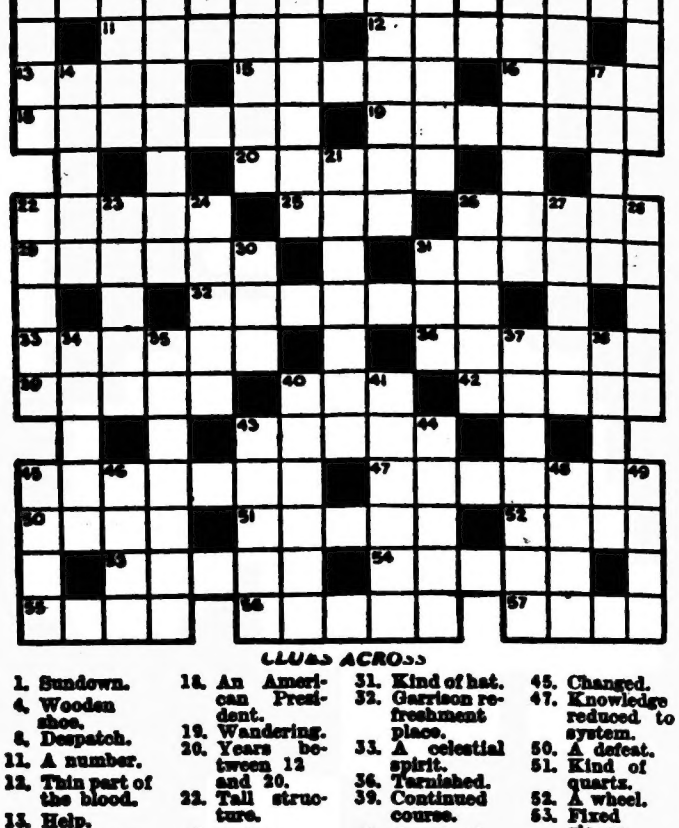

*CLUES ACROSS*

1. Sundown.
4. Wooden shoe.
8. Despatch.
11. A number.
12. Thin part of the blood.
13. Help.
15. Main artery
16. A young unmarried female.
18. An American President.
19. Wandering.
20. Years between 12 and 20.
22. Tall structure.
25. Father.
26. Fearless.
29. Impoverished.
31. Kind of hat.
32. Garrison refreshment place.
33. A celestial spirit.
36. Tarnished.
39. Continued course.
40. Crowd of small fish.
42. Clear up.
43. Penalties.
45. Changed.
47. Knowledge reduced to system.
50. A defeat.
51. Kind of quartz.
52. A wheel.
53. Fixed glance.
54. Go in.
55. A ditch.
56. Commence.
57. What is due

*CLUES DOWN*

1. Face.
2. Observed.
3. Room of a house.
4. Second person of "shall."
5. Expiated.
6. Belgian seaport.
7. When one cries.
8. Island in Malay Archipelago.
9. Send forth.
10. Flat circular piece.
14. A jewel.
17. Utensil for sifting.
21. Oriental.
22. Religious pamphlet.
23. Dried up.
24. Return to the mind.
26. A premium.
27. A coral island.
28. To eat away.
30. Flat fish.
31. Resting-place.
34. When you answer the 'phone.
35. Ornament made of ribbons.
37. Let down.
38. To dispossess by legal process.
40. Move by fits and starts.
41. The one past.
43. Alarms.
44. Perfume.
45. Dry.
46. Long pointed tooth.
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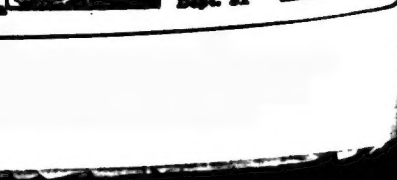


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*Solution to the Cross-word Puzzle published in our last issue*

*This week's puzzle is on page 6.*

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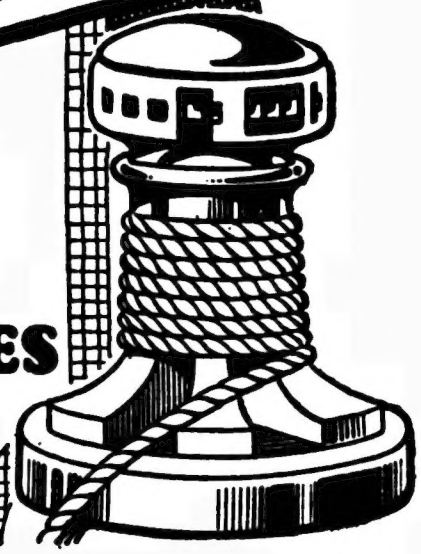

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# *The* WORLD, *the* FLESH *& the* DEVIL

**A Soldiers' Battle.**

The end of the coal struggle will leave on British industry one clear duty—to repair the damage. British soldiers have often won a battle lost by their generals. So, too, in industry—blundering leadership all round can be retrieved by steady effort.

**Still Up Against It.**

The Government must not run away with the notion that, once the pits are working, it can wash its hands of the coal business. The Mines Reorganisation Act is a standing recognition of its responsibility. It must work it.

**What We've Seen.**

The miners have been misled by wild, impossible hopes. The owners have been stubborn. The coal deadlock is ending under stern necessity. We wish it had been different—along the lines of the Samuel Report.

**What We Want.**

The advice we gave on the collapse of the general strike we repeat: Let there be no recriminations, no holding of old grudges. We still have the same old earth and the same strong right arm of labour. With a bit of good will and co-operation we may yet make a sound job of it.

**What of Coal Prices?**

Every day miners are returning to work on terms more favourable to the owners than existed before the stoppage. This fact should be reflected in coal prices—but.

**A Day's Record.**

In a single day pithead prices in the Cannock Chase district rose from 65s. to 80s. a ton. On the same day eighteen changes occurred in coal share quotations at Cardiff Exchange, each alteration representing an advance in price.

**Scotch the Exploiters.**

Only sheer economic necessity can reconcile the public to lower wages for miners. That they should be sacrificed to the cupidity of mineowners, retailers and stockbrokers is unthinkable. It is likewise intolerable that consumers should pay more for coal produced at cheaper rates.

**A League of Steel.**

The new European Steel Trust may possibly serve the cause of peace, but it is hardly likely to profit the consumer. Just as well that British industry stands out of it. The steel magnates' League of Nations may prove a thieves' kitchen.

**Watch the Trade Winds.**

Not only steel but potash, tubes, rolled wire, rails, wooden screws, bottles, enamel ware and incandescent gas mantles, all more or less have their internationals. Copper, glue and benzol are coming into the movement. The moral for British industries is ceaseless organisation for efficiency.

**And Still It Mounts!**

Every fresh financial return provides evidence of the cynical hollowness of the Government's economy pledges. Expenditure for the half year shows an *increase* of £4,083,291 on that for the corresponding period last year, due, it is explained, "to larger outlay on the Civil Services"!

**Hack and Hew.**

A £61,000,000 deficit on the first half of the Budget year means a black Budget next year—unless there are savage cuts in expenditure. You can't run £825,000,000 Budgets on a coal stoppage. An instant job for the Cabinet is to get the axe to work.

**The Wise Way.**

It is a hopeful sign that the Transport and General Workers' Union ordered the two thousand striking dockers to return to their work at Tilbury. The matter in dispute was then discussed with the Port of London Authority, which was the wise and logical procedure.

**A Good Suggestion.**

We go all the way with Professor Murray in his advocacy that teaching about the League of Nations shall form part of the regular curriculum in all schools. To instill a love of peace in the young is the surest way to end war.

**Newport Protests.**

Newport Council is to discuss the railway cutting that cuts across Tredegar Park providing traffic outlet from the Western Valleys of Monmouthshire. It pays £20,000 a year in royalties and is known as "the Golden Mile." Incidentally it illustrates one of the reasons why miners have to fight for living wages, and why coal is dear.

## 'JOHN BULL' NET PAID SALES

The Directors, Odhams Press Ltd., Long Acre, W.C.2.

Dear Sirs,—We have examined the Company's accounts and records relating to the undermentioned issues of John Bull, and certify that the net sales (exclusive of all free copies), after deducting returns received during the week of each issue, were as set out below:—

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| July | 3 .... | 1,061,617 | Aug. | 14 .... | 1,043,700 |
| ,, | 10 .... | 1,051,886 | ,, | 21 .... | 1,045,437 |
| ,, | 17 .... | 1,050,291 | ,, | 28 .... | 1,047,225 |
| ,, | 24 .... | 1,049,652 | Sept. | 4 .... | 1,055,243 |
| ,, | 31 .... | 1,042,480 | ,, | 11 .... | 1,058,395 |
| Aug | 7 .... | 1,046,504 | ,, | 18 .... | 1,066,765 |

**Sept. 25 - - - 1,074,379**

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) FRANKLIN WILD & CO.,
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Orient House, 42-45, New Broad Street, E.C.2.
5th October, 1926.

**More Unemployment.**

At a mass meeting of the yarn-spinning section of the Master Cotton Spinners' Association, held at Manchester, it was decided by a big majority further to curtail production. It needs a sledge-hammer to drive sense into some people's heads.

**A Bit of Hope.**

When Parliament reassembles, the Short Weight Bill must be passed speedily. Housewives have waited too long for their money's worth. They must have it before Christmas.

**Their Own Little Lot.**

"The Coal Distributors Parliamentary Committee" aims at counteracting the publicity campaign of those wishing to substitute gas and electricity for open grates. No smoke abatement, no clean cities, and no improvement in national health. That's what the stunt amounts to.

**Figures Speak.**

Figures published by the Ministry of Health show that bread, butter, cheese, jam, milk, sugar, cream and spirits are generally below standard. Prices rise, but quality doesn't.

**Half-hearted Zeal.**

The National Federation of Meat Traders, believing that leaving the feet on dressed lambs provides a breeding-ground for harmful germs, pledges itself to use every endeavour to abolish the practice. It doesn't favour legislation, and that's where it's wrong. The purity of food can't be trusted to individuals.

**For Kiddies' Stockings.**

To ensure Christmas supplies of cheap toys, games, and carnival articles from abroad, these things are to be exempt from the Safeguarding of Industries Duties. What an admission that full-blooded protectionist schemes don't work!

**Mostly Preventable.**

Six thousand lives are lost yearly by drowning in the lakes, rivers, and on the seaboards of England. No other argument is needed to make swimming compulsory in the children's school curriculum. The bare facts are convincing.

**Reviving the Pillory.**

To keep the rent of apartments within reasonable bounds, Southgate Council intends to publish names and addresses of local landladies whose charges are extortionate. The threat has been effective. There's no suasion like public opinion.

**Our Birdmen.**

British air liners in the last twenty-one months have flown nearly 2,000,000 miles and carried 25,000 passengers without any mishap involving injury to a single person. Our manufacturers and aviators may be justly proud.

## The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

**Bread upon the Waters.**

Mr. Joseph Augustin Bellringer, of Sidmouth, Devon, left £100 to each of four hospitals for benefits received by him at various periods of his life, the first occasion being so long ago as 1854. We commend the attention of others to this material token of gratitude.

**Deceptive Figures.**

The registers of our unemployed agencies on September 20 showed a drop of 19,524 on the previous week. This does not mean that these are now working, since many of them have merely been transferred to the rates. Also, as the number is 220,442 more than a year ago, we haven't a great deal to congratulate ourselves upon.

**Is It a Myth ?**

Mr. Stewart, the secretary of the British Communist Party, says that the rumour that it is, or ever has been, dependent on funds received from Russia is a myth. As the Soviet authorities contemplate cutting off supplies, we shall be able to test the truth of this statement before long. We foresee disaster.

**Bread Buccaneers.**

It seems that bakers at Bournemouth, Barrow and other "dear bread towns" black-listed by the Food Council are not much disturbed at the evil prominence they have attained. Their excuses, however, are unconvincing. Yet consumers will remain at their mercy till we have a Food Council which can not only bark but bite.

**A Just Demand.**

It is not always remembered that farm labourers, who suffer frequent vicissitudes of employment, are entirely outside the Unemployment Insurance Acts. A determined effort is being made by the National Union of Agricultural Workers to put an end to this unjust anomaly. We shall see if the Government's professed concern for agriculture extends to the man behind the plough.

**"Doctored" Food.**

In spite of a small army of food inspectors, food-faking is as prevalent as ever. Dastardly trade tricks range from watering the milk, at which practice Brecon holds the record, to "doctoring" jam, in every case the public paying for what it does not get. Prosecution and adequate publicity are two deterrents that are not employed sufficiently. Our food must be made pure.

**Another Surgical Triumph.**

When a baby belonging to Major and Mrs. Gray was born in Bath private hospital, it was deemed almost impossible that the child would live. The doctors decided to venture on blood transfusion, an operation which hitherto has never been performed on so young an infant. The blood was given by the father, and the child is now reported to be thriving. Truly the surgeon of to-day is by way of being a miracle-worker.

**A Fearless Father.**

All honour to Mr. W. T. F. Rooke, who, when a fire broke out in a basketware shop in Borough Road, S.E., managed to save his four-year-old daughter, Grace, and his two-year-old son, Frank, but lost his life in a frantic attempt to bring his wife and baby through the flames. Though it is tragic that the rescued children should be robbed of father and mother at so tender an age, in after years they will be able to contemplate the gallantry of their parent with pride.

**Method in Madness.**

Philip Hogg, a bank clerk, of Camden Road, Camden Town, seems to be well named. He was asked by Kathleen Thorpe, of the same address, to leave the house, as he was in the habit of ill-using her. Instead, he made a bonfire in the bath, of the woman's belongings, including her fur coat. To the magistrate's remark that the man must have gone mad, the prosecutrix retorted that he didn't destroy anything of his own. Hogg has nothing to complain of in getting off with a £10 fine and £20 damages.

**Meals or Medicine.**

An aged, starving woman, applying to the Oxford Guardians for relief, was given medicine to be taken three times a day after meals. The pathetic irony of the situation was recognised by the chairman of the Board, the Provost of Oriel, who thought the poor old lady ought to have enough food to justify her in taking the medicine. Was there ever a more biting satire on the Poor Law's muddled ways ?

**Us Next !**

By the formation of the Palestine Electric Corporation, Ltd., that country will shortly be electrified. A 600-ft. waterfall in the river Jordan will be harnessed for the manufacture of electric power and the irrigation of the surrounding country. British business men are seeing the matter through. Now we want British business men to get a move on and see to the thorough electrification of this country.

**The Royal Message.**

In sending to Manchester a message for the opening of the civic week, the King expressed an earnest hope for a general spirit of co-operation and good will as the means of inaugurating a new era of progress and prosperity. It's our hope, too, because it's the only one that hits the nail on the head. The moment the hint is taken by all classes that moment a new boom in trade and happiness will begin.

**Poor Rich Man.**

With securities to the value of £10,000 in his possession, James Forster Green, an old man of eighty-two, was found dead on the floor of his house in Whitehall Road, Gateshead, where he had lived alone for the past twenty-four years. Regarded as very poor, he lived alone, kept house for himself and held aloof from his fellows. It is spoken of as a "romance." We term it a tragedy. Green had lost the way to his fellow-creatures' hearts, and his own was atrophied.

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***The Human Machine***

# *The Other Fellow*

***by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.***

IT is just about the most difficult thing in the world to help someone else—that is, to help him effectively.

It is easy enough to see the other fellow's difficulties and size up his problems. The trouble is to find the best way of helping him to overcome them.

Most people fail, with the best intentions in the world, because they will persist in trying to impose their own point of view on the person they are trying to help.

They attempt to *force* a solution, to drive where they should lead, to bully and coerce where they should encourage and stimulate.

The only way in which one can really help the other fellow is to get inside his mind and look at the matter through his eyes.

In nine cases out of ten he knows quite well what he should do, is quite sure where the solution of his difficulties lies.

WHAT he lacks, as a rule, is courage, moral courage to take a stand and face up to his troubles. This is where he looks to you.

He wants to feel someone is behind him. What he really wants you to say is : "That's the idea ! That's just what I should have advised. Carry on and I'll help all I can !"

In fact, what the other fellow nearly always needs is a pat on the back—not a punch on the jaw !

**An Illogical Anachronism.**

When Mr. Alfred Croromant, of Victoria Street, was summoned at Sutton for driving a motor-car in a negligent manner, it was successfully pleaded that he was immune, since he chanced to be a Naval Commissioner attached to the Chilian Embassy. Surely it is time that every man who claims the protection of the law should be made liable to the law, and no diplomatic red tape should be allowed to shield the wrongdoer.

**Brutal Officialism.**

A Durham miner's wife has been fighting bravely for the life of her boy, desperately ill with pneumonia. The child is the orphan of a dead war hero, the widow having married again. Now the guardians inform the mother that her 10s. a week Army pension, which has been wholly swallowed up by the sick child's needs, is to be deducted from the relief available for the family. For meanness this would be hard to match.

**In his Master's Footsteps.**

When the Rev. John T. Penrose, formerly Rector of Petworth, Sussex, was staying at Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, he heard that ladies bathing had been caught in a current. Mr. Penrose picked up a lifebelt and rushed into the sea. But his heart was not equal to his gallantry, and when his body was recovered life was extinct. He had given it for others, and those words make an epitaph such as no man need want bettered.

**Showing the Way.**

Miss Victoria Drummond, a god-daughter of Queen Victoria and grand-daughter of the first Lord Amherst of Hackney, has lately gained her ticket as a fully qualified sea-going engineer. She made numerous trips to Australia in order to qualify, on which she performed exactly the same duties as the men. She is the first woman to gain the distinction, and must be the possessor of extraordinary determination. Well done!

**A Shining Example.**

When the papers are so full of tales of dishonesty, it is well that a shining example of integrity should be given the fullest publicity. Mrs. Andrews, of Christchurch, picked up a purse belonging to Mrs. Frederick Moore, a visitor from Birmingham. It contained three rings and notes to the value of £400. It was back in the possession of the owner within a few hours. Such conduct encourages us to think well of the world.

**From the Ground Up.**

There is aptness in the fact that a record of the life of Lord Shaftesbury, who devoted his life to children who were handicapped by want and neglect, has been written by Mr. J. Wesley Bready, M.A., B.D., an orphan who has won his way up from the depths of poverty. He worked with his hands first, and then with his head, with the result that he graduated at four universities. Such men are capable of understanding the real value of Lord Shaftesbury's work.

**Battle of Births.**

Feeling runs high in view of the decision of the Executive Committee of the Labour Party to allow no discussion of birth control at its annual conference. The Labour women's organisations are equally determined that it shall be discussed. They are backed by relief workers in the mining areas, where the overwhelmingly large families of many miners' wives have rendered dreadful the prospect of starvation. In the demand for decent medical information we back the women.

**A Pleasant Surprise.**

When Edward Barwood was charged at Croydon with the theft of goods to the value of £35, he pleaded that his family were destitute. It was only then that he learned from the police that he was entitled to over £20 in prize money, the result of his services in a mine-sweeper during the war. As all the stolen goods had been recovered, the magistrate put Barwood on probation, and asked the officer to help him to get his money. We trust this windfall will afford the poor fellow a fresh start.



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For nearly three years a stubborn fight has been waged by the Tailors and Garment Workers' Union on behalf of members employed at the War Office clothing factory at Pimlico. The Government has apparently decided that the War Office does not fall within the scope of the Trades Board Act. But surely it is only just that the War Office should at least pay its workers the Trades Board minimum?

**Coal Emergency Anomalies.**

Blackpool, we read, has decided to retain its usual autumn illuminations in defiance of the coal emergency regulations, yet a small shopkeeper has just been fined at Reading for using two lights to display goods in his window! Anomalies of this nature should bring home the fact that the emergency regulations hardly meet the situation. What may be saved in lighting is likely to be lost many times over in a falling off in trade if shopkeepers are unable to advertise their wares.

**A Gallant Seaman.**

When the cargo steamer *Leclite* was on her way to Dundee, she was struck amidships during a fog by the trawler *Amorella* and sank almost immediately. Three of her crew of nine were drowned, and another would have shared their fate but for the splendid gallantry of Mr. Youngs, mate of the *Amorella*, who dived into the sea with a rope, and succeeded in rescuing one of the men and in recovering the body of another. To take such a risk in a dense fog is proof that Youngs is a man among men.

**Faithful and True.**

The quality of Messrs. Messengers and Co., of Loughborough, as employers is shown by the long-service record of their staff of employees. Eighteen men can boast of forty years' service, and Mr. C. A. Jaques, aged seventy-eight, holds the record with sixty-six years' unbroken service. Starting work at twelve, Mr. Jaques has travelled thousands of miles all over the kingdom to perform his duties as plumber and glazier, and, what is more to the point, he is still happy in his job. It's worth pondering in these days of unrest.

**Pavement Clinics.**

Other boroughs might well take a leaf out of the book of Bermondsey, where on most nights in the week you may find a doctor and a dentist giving free advice and instruction to a crowd in the streets. These pavement clinics are working wonders and are immensely popular. They are made attractive by cinematograph exhibitions, and the lectures are delivered in the vernacular. It has long been the practice to go out into the open in order to save souls, hence we see no reason why the method should not be applied to the healing and preserving of bodies.

**A Hero's Trials.**

We learn with regret that Michael O'Leary, V.C., said to be the original of Mr. Bernard Shaw's "Sergt. O'Flaherty," is stranded at Hamilton, Ontario. He has been out of employment for some time, and only through the medium of the relieving officer will he be able to pay the passage of himself and family back to Ireland. When a general is honoured with a title for services in the field, he is voted a sum of money with it. Why the country does not grant a pension with the proudest distinction a soldier can gain is one of those things "no feller can understand."

**The Counsel of Despair.**

With long white hair and beard and trembling hands, old George Lawrence, at eighty-two years of age, stood in the dock at London Sessions to answer to a charge of theft. His career of theft began at ten, when he was sent to a prison. In all he has served fifty-three years of his long life in jail and he still thieves. His parents told him he was "born a devil" and that's where they went wrong. In giving Lawrence a chance to end his days peaceably in the workhouse, Sir Robert Wallace, K.C., showed his appreciation of the fact that he knows an underdog who never had a chance when he sees one.

**The Emigration Scandal.**

The New South Wales Government has cabled to the Australian Agent-General in London warning British mineworkers against venturing overseas in search of employment. It is about time reliable information as to industrial conditions in the Dominions was made regularly available to intending emigrants. The forthcoming Imperial Conference should tackle this neglected question on practical lines.

**A Pig in a Poke.**

E. E. Herrington, of Colwick Street, London, S.E., is offering "actual propositions and schemes," and also to "point out pitfalls" to anyone who will send him the "low fee of one guinea, which is miles below the value of the information." Although his circular letter is a long one, the nature of his proposition is not disclosed. Readers should call for something more definite and convincing before parting with their savings.

**A Moneylender's Fees.**

When a reader applied to John Catterson, of Cathedral Buildings, Donegall Street, Belfast, for a loan he paid 12s. 6d. for "the necessary cost of proposal." He waited for some time, but instead of receiving the loan he was favoured with a request for £10 10s., "travelling and other expenses." Our reader has not complied with this request, but has wisely decided not to entertain the matter further. Others should profit by his experience.

**An Old Doorstep Dodge.**

Our postbag suggests that doorstep salesmen who present a circular bearing the name of M. Myers are becoming very active again. These gentlemen inspire the confidence of housewives by displaying a large range of samples and booking up orders to be "paid for on delivery." This is merely a prelude to obtaining an immediate cash payment for a "bargain" length of cloth. "London and Leeds" is the vague address given on the circulars, and housewives should be cautious.

**Small Traders Beware!**

The best time "to endeavour to secure capital" is during October, November and until the middle of December. At least, so we are informed, in a new letter now being sent out by the London Financial Service, Ltd., of Fleet Street, London, E.C. The object of this letter is to urge people to let the "Service" turn their businesses into limited liability companies. Small traders should not allow themselves to be impressed by any offers which may emanate from this source.

**Distributors of Filth.**

We are frequently receiving complaints from readers who have been pestered with unsolicited circulars of an undesirable character. The latest refer to C. Summers, who operates from an address in Holland, and C. F. Haynes, who is proprietor of a North London firm styled Charles and Co. We have perused circulars sent out by these people and the danger of their falling into the hands of young people is such that we feel the postal authorities should exercise the strictest vigilance.

**No Proprietor?**

A reader who answered an advertisement calling for a resident representative to call on chemists, stationers, hardware merchants, etc., received a communication from the "Oblit" Manufacturing Company, of Fratton Road, Portsmouth. The communication was somewhat vague and our reader discovered that he was first of all required to send 1s. 6d. for a sample of "Oblit." As the proprietor's name was not disclosed, he decided that the proposition was too mysterious for his money. You can't be too careful!

£2,500

Now is your last chance to enter a "Bullet" for this Record Prize. *See page 43.*

***Problems of Life***

# *Vain Self-Reproach*

***by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.***

AN unwonted experience befell me recently. I was suddenly called upon to accompany an old friend on a hasty journey to Italy where his nearest relative had died the day before.

*Dr. R. J. Campbell*

Naturally my friend was in great sorrow, for the bereavement had been totally unexpected.

His dear one had started on a holiday tour less than a week earlier, apparently in the best of health and spirits; they had bidden each other Good-bye without the smallest misgiving that it was for the last time.

We had to get what accommodation we could *en route*, with the result that I found myself sharing a sleeping compartment with an Italian gentleman hurrying south from Paris.

Noticing that he was in some distress of mind, I ventured to speak to him and learned that his errand was precisely the same as our own.

He, too, had been informed by telegram of the death of a person dearer to him than anyone left on earth. The blow, he said, had broken his heart; he could never recover from it.

WHEN I tried to comfort him and to suggest that this was a too sombre view to take, he lifted his head and gazed steadily at me through his tears.

"We parted in anger," he replied.

Then, indeed, I understood the bitterness of his grief.

He did not say he had been in the wrong in the cause of the quarrel. Probably both were to blame.

But what he could not forgive himself for was that he had allowed his beloved to go from him with hard words instead of the words of love that he longed to speak and to hear in return.

If there were any likelihood of this sad little story coming back to the man who told it I would not repeat it here, but that is not so.

He is of another nation and cannot speak our tongue; I do not know his name nor he mine; there is no probability that we shall ever meet again.

But our common human nature impels me to pass on the warning implied in his confession.

BE the provocation what it may, never utter to anyone you love what you would be sorry to remember if you never saw each other more.

Always reckon with the possibility that it might be so.

Say what you have to say in kindness, not in hate, however much you may feel yourself wronged.

In moments of irritation people usually say more, not less, than they really believe. They say what they think will hurt rather than what they know to be true.

The memory of such a thing would be torture if the opportunity of reconciliation never came.

# HUGE PROVISION CO. RAMP

## A STREAKY BACON CONCERN

### Food Supply Disclosures

NOTHING sounds more respectable in the business world than ham and produce. It is one of those branches of commerce, like brewing or bullion-broking or monumental masonry, whose very name is calculated to inspire confidence and trust.

When, therefore, we hear of a concern entitled the "Danish Ham and Produce Company, Ltd.," we somehow expect to find behind it a body of plain, honest-to-god business men.

Such is the impression, more or less, conveyed to farmers and others, both British and foreign, who have done business with the company. Some of them now regret their confidence.

***Blot on British business***

The office is in New Oxford Street, and the company was registered as recently as February last in order to "carry on business in all parts of the world as importers, exporters, dealers and brokers of all kinds of provisions, dairy produce, meat, etc."

The record of the Danish Ham and Produce Co., Ltd., is not at all inspiring in view of the experience of some of its clients, many of whom are foreign firms and will not have a very good opinion of the commercial reputation of Britain in view of the manner in which they have been treated by the Danish Ham and Produce Co., Ltd.

In the first place, we find that prior to taking up its quarters, a few weeks ago, at the Oxford Street address, the Danish Ham and Produce Co., Ltd., was housed in an office in Tooley Street, which it shared with a concern called Ch. Berthier & Co., Ltd., which has now gone out of business.

When it abandoned its former offices, it left behind a considerable number of outstanding liabilities in the form of unpaid bills for goods which it had obtained on credit.

For the Danish Ham and Produce Company has been living up to its objects by carrying on business in all parts of the world, but its methods can hardly be regarded favourably.

Butter, bacon, eggs and the like have been obtained extensively on credit and disposed of for cash, whilst the creditors have been left to whistle for their money.

***A Calais coup***

A typical case is that of a firm of produce dealers called Messrs. Victor Bown, of 29, Place d'Angleterre, Calais.

In March last Messrs. Bown supplied the Danish Ham and Produce Company, Ltd., with twenty cases of eggs, each containing six hundred eggs, and with a further six cases, each containing a thousand eggs, the total consignment being worth nearly £120.

After the goods had been despatched, Messrs. Bown found it extremely difficult to obtain any tidings from the Tooley Street company as to payment of their account.

Eventually, when all other efforts had proved futile, they had to resort to proceedings in the English courts.

***An artful move***

In the first place, Messrs. Bown commenced an action against the Danish Ham and Produce Company, Ltd., in the High Court, where they obtained judgment for only half the amount claimed.

The reason for this was that the debtor company had lodged a counter-

*Sir James Martin, who, as Chairman of the Bankruptcy Committee of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, has had countless complaints concerning companies of this kind brought to his notice*

claim against them on the ground that the eggs were so badly packed that considerable breakages resulted!

When the action again came up for hearing in July last the matter was dealt with at the City of London Court by the Recorder of London, Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.

Messrs. Bown anxiously awaited proof of their alleged carelessness in packing, but the Danish Ham and Produce Company was conspicuous by its absence, and judgment with costs was given for the full amount!

***Worthless judgments***

There are several other firms, both in England and abroad, who have been similarly treated, and who have not received a farthing from the judgments they, too, have succeeded in obtaining against the Danish Ham and Produce Company, Ltd.

Nor are the sums involved as low, in some instances, as in the Calais firm's case. Two other firms, for example, have obtained judgments against the Danish Ham and Produce Company, Ltd., for amounts in the neighbourhood of £900 and £1,700 respectively!

And in both these cases the Danish Ham and Produce Company followed the interesting procedure adopted with the Calais firm of holding up legal proceedings by putting in counter-claims which were later abandoned!

We do not know the full extent of the present liabilities of this engaging company, but that it runs into thousands of pounds cannot be disputed.

Many enquiries and complaints have been received by the Wholesale Grocers' and Provision Merchants' Alliance, Ltd., of Borough High Street, S.E., who have compiled an interesting file of the company's activities.

This Alliance has also warned enquiring members of the provision trade time after time against having any credit dealings with the company.

***A nice crowd***

We are not surprised at this turn of events, for we find that there have been associated with the Danish Ham and Produce concern, during its brief but historic existence, one or two gentlemen of enterprising abilities.

Let us first of all consider one of the directors who passes by the name of Richards. His real name, we hasten to point out, is Simon Rysgfeld.

This gentleman's record is anything but inspiring, as he has been to prison for fraud. As he is an alien, born in France, we do not understand why he was not deported.

Another gentleman, who has lately been concerned with the Danish Ham and Produce Company, Ltd., is Mr. Jack Crowley, who is known in the underworld as a first-class thief.

Crowley has a long record of convictions, and numbers amongst them one very long sentence.

He came out of jail about a year ago, after serving a sentence for another crime, and shortly afterwards joined the Danish Ham and Produce Company at its offices in Tooley Street.

The secretary of the Danish Ham and Produce Company, Ltd., is Mr. Arthur Sudbury, who was also associated with Berthier and Co.

Mr. Sudbury is given the reputation by his friends of being a very clever accountant. Apparently his gifts in this direction are greatly appreciated by the directors of the Danish Ham and Produce Company, with its rapidly accumulating debts.

But figures have not always been his strong point, as he has also been in prison on one occasion for fraudulent practices.

***A matter of no surprise***

With such men as these at the helm, is it surprising that complaints are piling up against the Danish Ham and Produce Co., Ltd.?

We think not. But we are, all the same, certain of one thing—that the affairs of the Danish Ham and Produce Company, Ltd., require the most exhaustive investigation.

# 'Spec' Makers Doomed

### *An Obliging Specialist*

A GENTLEMAN who had been informed by specialists that he was threatened with cataract was attracted by an advertisement which seemed to offer a ray of hope.

He got into touch with the advertiser, H. A. Wright, M.M., of Wigan Road, Bolton, Lancs, and in due course was favoured with a very lengthy epistle and certain printed matter.

Mr. H. A. Wright, who described himself as an "eye culture specialist and health consultant," had much to say of his "world-famous system of natural scientific eye treatment."

"Until recent years," he wrote, "it has been thought by the majority of eye sufferers that spectacles were the only remedy for eye weakness."

***A wonderful discovery***

Scientific investigation, apparently, has proved otherwise. According to Mr. Wright, eyes may be strengthened and troubles permanently eradicated by "natural methods of treatment under scientific direction."

This announcement is followed up by still more sweeping assertions. "Glasses are absolutely useless as a cure for weak and defective eyesight."

In fact, if you wear glasses at the moment you have only to take up Mr. Wright's miraculous treatment and "you will be positively enabled to discard them."

"My fee is pounds below that of any other ocular specialist," declares Mr. Wright.

The complete course of treatment is offered for 15s. 6d., and all that is necessary is to fill in a "postal diagnosis chart" and mail it with the money to Mr. Wright.

Now, at the end of the circular letter which Mr. Wright sent to our reader, a postscript was added to the effect that his treatment was the only one that could "satisfactorily cure cataract," an operation being an unsatisfactory alternative.

Our reader wisely decided that he would prefer to seek for perfect vision through other channels.

This resulted in a long "follow-up" letter from Mr. Wright, stressing the benefits of his "famous revolutionary eye treatment."

***An obliging offer***

Mr. Wright mentioned that he was confident the enquirer was anxious about the present condition of his eyes, and if the reason for his silence was due to his inability to pay the "small fee" asked, he need not despair.

The obliging specialist declared that he was only too willing to let our reader have the full course of treatment for 8s. down and the balance of 7s. 6d. at the end of a month.

We are glad to say that our reader did not fall for this lure, and others who may be afflicted with defective vision should consult none but established and highly qualified oculists.

# TRAGIC POLICE BLUNDER

## INNOCENT LAD'S ARREST

### A Mother's Week of Anguish

POVERTY is no crime, and a person is not necessarily a thief because he is compelled to live in rooms over a dilapidated stable in a South London mews.

We make these statements for the benefit of the Dulwich police, who seem to labour under reverse impressions, if we may judge from their treatment of Tom Tickner.

Tom Tickner is a youth of eighteen, who neither drinks nor smokes. He earns his living by driving a two-horse van for a firm of provision merchants, and lives with his parents at 10, Albany Mews, Camberwell, S.E.

His parents are poor, but hard-working people, who have brought up ten children in a way which, considering their straitened circumstances, reflects great credit upon them. Tom is one of their "grown up" sons.

Recently grief engulfed the Tickner family when Harold, a boy of seventeen, died after a painful illness. Since he was laid to rest Mrs. Tickner has never been quite herself, and within a few months of the funeral she has been subjected to a terrible ordeal concerning her boy Tom.

***A tragic kindness***

On the afternoon of September 27 last, Tom was driving his van along Goose Green, Dulwich, engaged in his work of delivering provisions at local shops, when a man stopped him and asked for a lift.

Tom told the man to jump up, little dreaming that his good-natured gesture was to lead him to the prison gates. A little further down the street unknown to Tom, two other men jumped into the van from the back.

The driver was unaware of their presence until he heard their voices and, turning round, heard one of the three occupants complaining to the others that a woman had "let them down."

Tom asked for an explanation, but a little further down the street the three men jumped off the van and ran down a side turning.

In jumping from the van one of the men thrust a couple of Treasury notes into the driver's hand and thanked him for the lift.

***The startling news***

Bewildered, Tom continued on his way, but had not gone many yards when a high-powered car drew alongside, the occupants of which called to him to stop in the name of the law.

They then ordered him to drive to the local police-station. He did so, protesting all the way that he had done nothing wrong.

He was due home to tea at five o'clock and as he was always punctual Mrs. Tickner began to worry. By nine o'clock she was in a distressing condition of nervousness and apprehension.

Then two gentlemen arrived and it was announced that they had come about her boy. Coldly and without any beating about the bush she was informed that Tom had been arrested on charges of "housebreaking."

The news, delivered in such a fashion, appalled the poor woman. Her home was searched from top to bottom; she was asked a long series of questions which took her into all the privacies of her family life, and she was even asked to explain where she purchased her groceries.

***A terrible suspense***

Eventually Tom arrived home at midnight, having been bailed out by his employer.

He was in a state of collapse, worn out by the questioning and cross-questioning to which he had been subjected.

The next morning he was arraigned at Lambeth Police Court before Mr. Rooth on the formidable charge of being concerned with three other men, not in custody, in breaking into and entering two houses in Dulwich.

His mother went to the court, but was so overcome that she could not enter it. She waited outside to learn her boy's fate. He was remanded for a week.

During that week Tom was called upon by the police and was forced to accompany them to various public-houses in futile attempts to locate and identify the wanted men, with whom he was supposed to be in collusion.

About a week ago he was again placed in the dock and was discharged. The police stated that they had discovered that he was an honest lad, and that in the circumstances the charges could not be pressed.

But there has been no apology for the shameful way in which he has

*Mr. H. G. Rooth, Metropolitan Police Court Magistrate*

been treated; no expression of regret that he and his mother should have been subjected to such terrible ordeals, or that he should have nearly lost his job through this official blundering.

***Extraordinary dilatoriness***

That tragic week of anguish might have been averted if the police had only investigated the lad's statements before arresting him.

They might have found, for instance, that Tom had been delivering groceries all the afternoon and had been nowhere near the streets in which the robberies had occurred.

Many of his former associates have spurned him, and some people have hinted, chiefly because of the lack of publicity in the case, that he was lucky to "get off."

We are glad to have this opportunity of vindicating this young man's character. But what are we to say of the police who took a whole week to discover that Tom Tickner was an honest man?

# Thrown on the Scrap-heap

## War Victim Cruelly Treated

SUFFERING from advanced tuberculosis, W. Brewer, an ex-soldier, resides in two rooms with his wife and five children. His shattered health renders it impossible for him to work and he is dependent upon poor-law relief.

In spite of his terrible plight Brewer has been denied a pension.

Brewer was passed fit for active service at the outbreak of war in 1914, and proceeded straight to France.

After a few months of severe fighting he was taken prisoner by the enemy and sent to the infamous Wittenberg camp, where he was kept under terrible conditions until March, 1918.

Whilst Brewer was in the terrible Wittenberg camp he contracted chronic nephritis. An R.A.M.C. officer who attended him in the hospital there has stated that he had great difficulty in obtaining suitable diet for Brewer from the Germans and it is marvellous that he recovered.

***The one desire***

When Brewer was discharged from the Service in 1920, like many others whose one desire was to get home, he made no claim for disability.

But there is ample evidence to show that he was constantly suffering from chest troubles, and from 1921 to 1924 he was receiving medical attention for bronchitis.

From March, 1924, Brewer was attended by another doctor for bronchitis and nephritis. Phthisis was suspected and he was attended continuously until April, 1924.

***A blunt refusal***

He then went before the medical referee, who also suspected tuberculosis, and estimated his present incapacity at 100 per cent.

This led to his admission to Orpington Military Hospital, from whence he was sent to Hermitage Sanatorium.

The tuberculosis officer then reported phthisis of *four years' standing.*

The tribunal found severe pulmonary tuberculosis and confirmed the 100 per cent. incapacity. But when asked to decide whether Brewer's condition was due to or aggravated by his war experience, it ruled that there was "insufficient evidence" and a pension was refused.

These are the bare facts. We leave the public to draw its own conclusions.

# An Alien's Audacity

## A Challenge to "John Bull"

THE other day we received an astonishing communication in the form of a protesting letter from a man whom we had found it necessary to criticise in very strong terms.

The man in question, Mr. Francisco Sequi Canals, is a Spaniard, whose career led us to remark that he should be allotted a high place amongst the many undesirable aliens who infest these shores.

We laid particular stress upon his activities as the proprietor of "The Black Cat Club" in Soho, labelling it as an undesirable den.

We mentioned that he was aided in his nefarious undertakings by his wife, Grace Sequi Canals, and that both had convictions against them.

***Impudent bluff***

Mr. Canals opened his letter of protest in a very dignified tone by declaring that he was desirous of acquainting us with the "true facts."

Whilst we had no doubt about Canals' true character, we realised that slips can easily be made, and, thinking that we had possibly erred on some minor point, we waded through Mr. Canals' epistle

It soon became apparent that this audacious alien was merely putting up an impudent bluff. He had no answer to our various charges, but was so ungracious as to throw more blame than we had done on to his unfortunate wife.

***Overreaching himself***

"If there had been any particle of truth in your article," he argued, "I maintain that the police would have taken action. . . . I hope you will publish this letter, which is a direct challenge to you."

For once Mr. Canals overstepped the mark with his audacity. Far from publishing his impudent letter we treated it with the contempt that it deserved.

For, contrary to his assertions, our article was substantially true, and it was also instrumental in leading the Home Secretary to issue a peremptory order for Canals' deportation!

Readers will not think us discourteous in ignoring a "direct challenge" when they learn that a day or two later the "challenger" was escorted to the coast and shipped to his native shores.

# A PUZZLING PAPER

## PINK FORMS FROM PARIS

### Frilly French Fashions

VARIOUS are the methods employed by concerns to secure business. Most attractive schemes are offered in some cases. That with which we deal below has the merit of brightness

NUMEROUS ladies in various parts of the country have lately been surprised to receive envelopes bearing the Paris postmark. And they have been still more astonished when they have come to examine the contents, which have consisted of vivid cyclamen-coloured circulars.

They are indebted to *Paris Fashions*, of 1 and 3, Rue Laffitte, Paris, for these communications, and presumably they should feel greatly honoured to think that they should be so favoured by "The best ladies' home journal," which, according to the circular, is "Always bright. Always in good taste, and always up-to-date."

"Dear Madam," runs the message, "would you like to receive direct from Paris the latest fashion news? to see the latest models and novelties? to learn how to reduce your dress expenditure by at least two-thirds?"

***Dangerous delay***

Well, what lady in the land would not be interested in such questions? And the answer to them all, apparently, is "subscribe to *Paris Fashions*."

Those who send 10s. as twelve months' subscription will not only receive the "great review"; they will also be entitled to the use of various "service bureaus" enabling them to buy goods "at a fraction of the british price, on account of the favourable rate of exchange."

Apart from this, *Paris Fashions* undertakes to send annual subscribers "two white damasked table covers; 12 tea serviettes and 12 napkins," free of charge and carriage paid. Those who send 5s. as six months' subscription will receive one white damasked table cover and 12 tea serviettes.

"Do not hesitate," runs the circular. "Take advantage of this great bargain. Our shopping bureau will put many other bargains your way, and at ridiculous prices."

"Just now linen, crepe de chine and stokings are particularly cheap. . . . . Our present offer is strictly good only for a week . . ."

***Flattering approach***

Down one side of the circular is printed a lengthy list of "Editorial Departments," including "Hats and Bonnets," "Dressmaking," "The Home," "Beauty Hints, "Theatrical News," "Litterary News."

There are also bureaus for shopping, patterns and models and travelling. Cookery, colonial news, sporting news, financial news, and, last but not least, "Social News," conducted by "Lady A——"

How nice to be approached by the "best ladies' home journal" in this way and to have the opportunity of reducing one's dress bill!

Doubtless a great many people have been duly impressed by this literature and have sent their 5s. or 10s. subscriptions across the Channel. If so we trust they have fared more happily than certain readers who have had occasion to complain to us.

***Overwhelmed with applications***

An Essex lady, for instance, forwarded 10s. and waited expectantly. In due course she received an envelope containing a pink form and several coloured slips of paper.

The pink form set forth certain details relating to the "Shopping Bureau," which was described as "simply a convenience at the free disposal of our subscribers."

Subscribers wishing to avail themselves of this service are required to send a list of articles they wish to purchase and mention the "limit" they are willing to pay.

A nominal fee of 1d. must accompany each enquiry, with a minimum of 6d. The bureau will then "aim" to get the required articles for its subscribers at "a better price."

If any complaints should arise the bureau is only too willing to look into them in return for a fee of 2s. 6d., returnable should the complaint be found correct.

As may be imagined the lady was not greatly impressed with this pink form, nor, in fact, was she impressed with a purple slip which stated that the free gifts could not be sent for some weeks as they had been "overwhelmed with applications."

***The happy touch***

This slip also explained that the first issue of *Paris Fashions* would be the October one!

After waiting some time she received another communication in the form of a white slip, repeating the lament that they had been "overwhelmed" with applications under the free gift scheme and that a further delay of four or five weeks would now be necessary.

The assurance was given that the gifts were being despatched in strict rotation as they arrived from the manufacturers, and the slogan, "Always bright. Always in good taste, and always up-to-date," added as a happy touch!

Much the same story is told by a lady who resides at Upton Park. She despatched her cheque for 10s. on September 5. Her cheque has been cleared, but she is still waiting for something in return for her money.

She states that she has written to Paris on several occasions, but can get no reply.

In these circumstances it looks as if the best ladies' journal should live up to its slogan by bringing its business affairs "up to date."

# AN £11,000 MYSTERY

## SALBSTEIN THE SILENT

### A Slipshod Merchant

ADMISSIONS made in the Bankruptcy Court are almost beyond belief. How long is the court to be looked upon as a refuge by reckless traders who bring ruin to so many?

THE activities of a gentleman named Harry Salbstein, who, for the last year or so, has cut a big figure in the textile trade, seem to call for a few comments.

Salbstein's business ramifications extended from London to Vienna, and from Vienna to Antwerp. Latterly he operated from an address in West Street, Cambridge Circus, London, W.C.—to the bitter regret of many who have had dealings with him.

Describing himself as a "general merchant," he contrived to obtain goods from a number of people on credit, but as time went on he displayed a strange reluctance to settle his accounts.

***Unmerited confidence***

Many of his unfortunate victims did not know that they were dealing with a man whose reckless business methods had already landed him in the Bankruptcy Court, and Salbstein was able to gain a confidence which he did not merit.

It is not surprising, therefore, that he very soon found himself in the Bankruptcy Court a second time, with an army of unsatisfied creditors at his heels.

His liabilities on this occasion amounted to the formidable figure of £26,878, against which his sole assets were estimated at £105, together with a bad book debt of £866.

When he reached the Bankruptcy Court, Mr. Salbstein, who, in dealing with his disillusioned clients had been extremely fluent and plausible, lapsed into a surprising silence.

There were many things, for instance, that the anxious creditors wanted him to explain. What had Salbstein done with their goods? Had he sold them for cash? If so, why had he not been able to pay them? If he had not yet disposed of his client's goods what had he done with them?

***A brazen admission***

Although these and similar questions were put to him, Mr. Salbstein did not volunteer any helpful information. He admitted that within three months he had obtained over £25,000 worth of goods, but could only explain away the disposal of goods to the extent of £13,500.

What of the missing £11,000? Salbstein was silent on this point, and, amazing as it may seem, was permitted to pass from the Bankruptcy Court with a few words of admonition.

"The debtor must thoroughly understand," observed the Registrar, "that I am not in the least satisfied with his explanation of goods to the value of between £10,000 and £11,000. It is a most suspicious case."

The angry creditors thought so too! They waited as patiently as they could to see what action would be taken against Salbstein. Months passed, but nothing happened—until the matter was brought to our notice.

We at once looked into the case and investigated the various allegations which Salbstein's creditors were making against him. Finding that they had indeed good grounds for dissatisfaction, we directed the attention of the Board of Trade to the matter.

"Are the creditors too harsh," we demanded, "in asking that some further information be extracted from the forgetful Salbstein? And are we unjust in supporting their claim?"

We did not ask these questions in vain. With the full facts of this scandalous case thus laid before them the authorities at once proceeded to carry out a few investigations on their own account.

We are glad to be able to announce that the ultimate result has been one that will be joyfully received by Salbstein's creditors, who will be consoled to hear that the serene silence which stood him in such good stead in the bankruptcy proceedings has, following our exposure, been sadly disturbed.

***The less-indulgent court***

The other day this ambitious "general merchant," who is a naturalised British subject, made his *debut* in another and less-indulgent court. He stood in the dock at Bow Street, charged with "failing to keep proper books of account as required by the Bankruptcy Act."

Mr. J. H. Thorpe, prosecuting for the Board of Trade, said that Salbstein, during his bankruptcy proceedings, had produced nine books of accounts, but for all practical purposes they were useless.

There were no entries relating to about £26,000 worth of cotton goods and articles of furniture obtained on credit, and nothing whatever to show how they had been disposed of.

On behalf of Salbstein the magistrate was told that as he had made his headquarters in Antwerp and had travelled all over Europe, he had had to leave the books to be looked after by other people.

***Unavailing plea***

This confession of slipshod bookkeeping methods from a merchant dealing on such a colossal scale did not carry much weight, and Mr. Salbstein is now undergoing a sentence of four months' imprisonment.

But we are afraid that this is really small satisfaction for the anxious creditors, for the whereabouts of the missing £11,000 worth of goods is a secret known to Salbstein alone, who may be able to reflect upon it in the silence of his prison cell.

# MR. WYNN BACKS A LOSER

## POPULAR PREACHER MISLED

### An Optimistic Parson

THERE is no class in the community whose kindness is more frequently imposed upon than the clergy. Their calling is a charitable one, and it is only in the nature of things that they should accede to requests which some of the more worldly among us might be inclined to look upon with some disfavour.

A recent victim of his own generous instincts is the Rev. Walter Wynn, Minister of the United Free Church, Chesham, Bucks.

Mr. Wynn is a well-known preacher, and a man of considerable ability in his own sphere.

His little church at Chesham is well attended, and his writings are read with interest by the public.

But clerical and literary gifts are no guarantee of financial acumen, and if we were in need of advice as regards the best means of investing our money, we should consult many authorities before approaching the pulpit.

***Misplaced kindness***

We are somewhat surprised, therefore, to receive the following letter, addressed to the directors of a limited company, and which has been forwarded, with other interesting literature, to Scottish investors:

Mortimer House, Chesham, Bucks.

GENTLEMEN,—I am writing this letter moved by the principle of doing to others as I wish them to do to me. I took ten shares at 1s. each in your company, and reserved an option of 490 more. They are the only shares of any sort I own, and I bought them for a sentimental reason—viz., to give to my grandson.

Having done so, I was informed that the investment was undesirable. I do not "swallow" such derogatory remarks, and therefore made up my mind to investigate the matter myself, which I have done very thoroughly.

As an act of justice to you, I wish to state that, as the result of my investigation, I have no doubt of the genuineness of the company, and the valuable holdings you possess.

I have obtained official reports that your company struck oil on your holdings on February 22 this year, and feel convinced that investment in your company is most desirable from every point of view, and I can truthfully recommend the shares you offer in the light of my personal investigations.

I therefore want to exercise my option on behalf of the parents of my grandchild for 490 shares, which kindly allot to them. They would also be glad to take 500 more if you can see your way clear to allow them to at the original offering price of 4s. each.

You can make what use you like of this letter.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) WALTER WYNN, *Minister Chesham United Free Church.*

This is the letter of a kindhearted gentleman, but we have no hesitation in informing Mr. Wynn that his kindness is misplaced.

***An astonishing disclosure***

We should be greatly surprised if this grandson is ever greatly enriched by the shares which have been bought on his behalf. Better far had the money been used to open a Post Office Savings Bank account for the little fellow.

Readers of JOHN BULL will be astonished to learn that the company which has been honoured by the confidence and support of the Rev. Walter Wynn is the British Associated Oil Co., Ltd., of 15, Clifford Street, Bond Street, W.

If ever there was a share-pushing concern it is the British Associated Oil Co., Ltd., whose president is a gentleman from across the Atlantic named Maurice Singer.

We have criticised Mr. Singer on more than one occasion. So have other newspapers.

The verdict of trustworthy financial experts is that the oil-fields in distant Wyoming owned by the company are not of sufficient value to warrant the marketing of shares at present prices.

***An obvious conclusion***

The Rev. Walter Wynn has no doubt become possessed of information which has satisfied him, for he says, "As the results of my investigations, I have no doubt of the genuineness of the company and the valuable holdings you possess."

Has he been to Wyoming? Does it not occur to him that had the shares been as good as gilt-edged, the promoters would not have come to a clergyman, no matter how good his standing, for a testimonial.

We know Mr. Wynn to be a very sincere man, and of great firmness of character.

He was formerly a Baptist, but having conscientious differences of opinion with his colleagues in that denomination, he built a church of his own, which he called the "United Free" (not to be confused with the United Free Church of Scotland).

*The Rev. Walter Wynn, the popular preacher and Publicist*

Independence of opinion is a good thing in religion, but it is not necessarily so in finance. It may lead to mistakes such as we suggest Mr. Wynn has made in giving his benediction to the British Associated Oil Co., Ltd.

***Misguided action***

We are not concerned with Mr. Wynn's personal investment in the company. That, of course, is his own business.

But it is one thing to invest money, and quite another thing to advise other people to do the same thing. This is not the function of a minister of the gospel, who is less qualified than most people to give an opinion on the merits or demerits of oil investments.

His present excursion into the realms of stocks and shares is, in our opinion, misguided.

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# TRAGIC BIGAMY STORY

## ABANDONED WIFE UNHAPPY BY LAW

***A wife tied to a man who has "married" another woman, yet without remedy! Nothing surely could be more unjust!***

AT Worksop, Notts, there resides a woman who has been greatly wronged. A cloud of unhappiness has come into her life, and it must remain over her to the end of her days because the law is powerless to aid her.

The lady in question is the wife of W. G. Fitzgerald, who left England in March, 1919, to go out to Australia.

For some time after his departure, Mrs. Fitzgerald was in communication with her husband, but finally his letters dropped off and she received no news at all.

***A distressful letter***

The last letter she received from him was dated November, 1921, and after many anxious months of waiting Mrs. Fitzgerald wrote to the Australian authorities and begged them to make some endeavour to trace her husband.

Another anxious period of waiting followed, but in due course a letter came from the chief of police in the district where her husband was then living, a letter which bore news of a distressing nature.

Her husband had been found, but he was married to another woman!

***Shattered hopes***

Reluctant to believe that this could be true, Mrs. Fitzgerald wrote to Australia for a copy of the marriage certificate.

Alas! when this document arrived it proved conclusively what she in her loyalty had at first refused to believe. Her husband had deserted her.

Representing himself to be a "widower," he had married a young girl of nineteen, and had settled down in Australia without any thought of the wife whom he had left behind in England.

Having obtained incontestable evidence to show that her husband had contracted a bigamous marriage, Mrs. Fitzgerald decided to apply for admission as a "poor person" for the purpose of commencing proceedings for a divorce.

After her case had been submitted she received a reply from the secretary of the Poor Persons' Committee of the local Law Society which shattered all her hopes.

It ruled that as her husband was domiciled in Australia the English courts would have no jurisdiction to grant her a decree of dissolution of her marriage.

"It is regretted, therefore," ran the latter, "that your application must be refused." And with this disappointing "explanation" Mrs. Fitzgerald had to be content.

In desperation the unhappy woman wrote again to the Commissioner of Police in Australia, asking his advice in the matter. This, too, was equally fruitless, and once again her hopes were shattered.

***An awful position***

"The obtaining of assistance to help you to commence proceedings from any source in Australia," ran the reply, "is very problematical; in fact, I do not know of any society or department that renders such help."

What a terrible position! Here is a woman who has been greatly wronged by the man who had promised to love and cherish her. Cruelly deserted, she must still bear his name and be bound to him as his legal wife, knowing that he has bigamously married another woman.

***An impossible course***

She has ample proof of his unfaithfulness yet cannot obtain redress. She must be tied for ever, though it is perfectly clear that she is the wronged party.

The law of her country, apparently, is powerless to secure her release from the man who has wronged her because the latter is beyond its jurisdiction.

It seems that the only course open to this poor woman, if she is to regain her freedom, is to journey to Australia and institute divorce proceedings there; but it so happens that this is a procedure which her limited means renders impossible. Her plight is therefore hopeless indeed.

Surely, as a citizen of this country, she is entitled to protection by law? And surely, in a case of this sort, it is the duty of our officials to secure the co-operation of the Australian authorities with a view to meting out justice?

# PAINT POT DESPOTS

## THE HA'PENNY FUSH

### Thrown Out of a Job

SOME time ago the Tottenham Urban District Council passed a resolution under which their employees had either to join their appropriate trade unions or suffer instant dismissal.

Now they have reluctantly rescinded this resolution, and the circumstances which have led to this move are worthy of some comment.

However much one may be in favour of trade unionism, the tyranny of such a resolution as we have indicated cannot be denied, and that its continuance has led to many tragic cases of victimisation is quite within the bounds of possibility.

One instance will serve to show how unfairly such a decree may operate.

A man named Daniel Crooks held a position under the Tottenham Council for five or six years in the capacity of painter.

His character was good and he had excellent testimonials. During the war he had risen to warrant-officer's rank.

***A tyrannous resolution***

When the council passed its tyrannous resolution Crooks did not refuse to join a union. He applied to the Painters' Union and forwarded a deposit of 5s.

His application was refused by the union, who ruled that Crooks was no fit person to assume the honour of membership.

What was the stain upon his character which led to this decision?

Incredible as it may seem, Crooks was turned down because he had once worked—to save his wife and family from starvation—for about one halfpenny an hour less than the approved trade union rate!

Being thus refused admittance to his union, Crooks was laid open to the fateful resolution of the Tottenham Council.

He was told that he must leave the service of the council, the council which he had served faithfully for nearly six years.

Crooks has a wife and four children, and when he was thus turned adrift, with unemployment and starvation staring him in the face, the youngest child was just ten weeks old.

It will be readily realised that he was thus placed in a most unhappy predicament.

"Dismissed by the council" is not exactly a good testimonial for a man to carry about with him on his hopeless search for work, and we are pleased that Crooks found a champion in Councillor Harvey, who laid his case before his colleagues in the council chamber the other day.

***Wrecked by injustice***

It was Councillor Harvey who moved the rescindment of the resolution, and it is largely due to his energetic opposition that this was eventually brought about.

He condemned the resolution in no uncertain terms. There was no defence, he maintained, when a man was starving as the result of its having been enforced.

Crooks, he declared, was now a walking wreck, testimony of the injustice which had been meted out to him.

Councillor Harvey mentioned that the unfortunate man had suffered very great distress of mind.

"You can argue and talk until you are black in the face," he insisted, "but here is just what has happened to one man and his wife and children."

***A close shave***

We are glad that this strenuous fight resulted in the resolution being rescinded, but, as we mentioned above, the council displayed singular reluctance.

The motion was carried by one vote only, many members, apparently, being unmoved by the sad and distressful plight of Crooks and his family.

To our mind the rescinding of this resolution is not sufficient. We see no reason why Crooks, who has surely suffered more than enough, should not be instantly reinstated as an employee of the council.

# A SECRET FOR SALE

## FREDERICA'S HINDOO HUNCH

### Bargain Price Hair-slaying

A LADY reader who did not respond to a letter offering a secret preparation for the removal of superfluous hair has been favoured with a follow-up letter of a most amusing nature.

It comes from Frederica Hudson, Ltd., manufacturers of toilet preparations, 9, Old Cavendish Street, London, W., and bears the signature of Frederica Hudson herself.

This good lady states that she has received a letter from her agent "in India and Persia" to the effect that the principal ingredients "used for compounding the Hindoo Hair Destroyer" are growing scarce.

Having received this information, she hastens to pass it on to a casual enquirer in a long epistle of two closely typewritten pages.

Frederica Hudson's interest in the casual enquirer is such that she does not wish to leave her "out in the cold."

***Spreading the snare***

In other words, whilst the scarcity of the "principal ingredients" will make it necessary to increase the price of Frederica's remedy, she is willing to offer "just one opportunity to protect yourself at the old price, and to banish that hairy blemish at small cost."

But that is not all. As her letter proceeds so Frederica's generosity increases. She will not even take the present price of £2 2s., but makes a "special reduced offer of 17s. 6d."

"My secretary and I have been puzzling our brains," she writes, "wondering at the reason for your silence. Perhaps it is because you have just been careless and have forgotten about it."

***A scheme in colours***

With this remarkable letter Frederica sent several pamphlets of lurid hues. A blue form sets forth "facts which nobody can deny," relating to her wonderful remedy.

A brilliant green form is headed with the confidence-inspiring announcement: "Let your Banker Hold the Money."

This pamphlet makes a great song about the fairness of an offer which allows you to test a remedy whilst your money is held by a bank.

Much stress is laid on the fact that in this case you must deposit £2 2s., whereas if you send direct to Frederica it will only cost you 17s. 6d.

A pink pamphlet bears the title of "Less-than-half-price cash ordering form." At the foot of this form yet another scheme is set forth. This is known as the "2s. 6d. part payment plan."

All clients have to do is to send 2s. 6d., sign their initials in a square, and remit the balance of 15s. as they are able. They then receive the "full two-guinea treatment without further expense."

***A matter of habit***

Doubtless many people might conclude that Frederica Hudson "must be nice" to go to such a lot of trouble on behalf of a stranger who had rudely ignored her previous kind offers; but we are afraid that it is a habit with her.

Her seeming generosity in offering a specially reduced price when she really ought to be putting the price up on account of the scarcity of the "principal ingredients" is merely a variation of follow-up tactics which she has practised for years.

Three years ago her follow-up letters took the form of printed circulars, got up to look like a personal epistle in handscript, in which she made a "unique offer."

The unique offer was a full course of the hair-slaying treatment for 10s. 6d., provided the cash was sent to Frederica personally, so that it would not "go through the books in the ordinary way."

But whatever form Frederica's offers may take, it would seem from her variations in price that she is anxious to place her "sacred secret" within reach of every one, and that the financial side of the matter is merely a secondary consideration.

# The Broken Bars

## AN ENVIOUS CANARY

### £2,000 in Two Minutes!

A SMITH by name, a turner by trade, a competitor by hobby, and an optimist by nature—that sums up the man who has just opened a bank account with a "Bullets" cheque for £2,000.

Mr. Smith was busy on his work in the tool-making department of the Raleigh Cycle factory in Nottingham, when his wife brought along a telegram. "You have been awarded the First Prize of £2,000," was its staggering message.

***A wonderful investment***

When a JOHN BULL man subsequently called at No. 10, Wimbourne Road, Nottingham, Mr. Smith opened the door—smiling, Mrs. Smith was not far behind—and two neat stacks of toys told their own story of some other little Smiths not far away.

To the cheerful chirruping of the family mascot, a canary in a cage by the window, Mr. Smith told the story of his success. He is no newcomer to our prize-lists, but he has plodded along the "Bullets" road for many years in search of the First Prize turning.

His journeying has been both pleasant and profitable. "I've no other hobby but 'Bullets,'" he said, "and it has proved a wonderful investment. Just look at these!"

He took a bulky packet from a drawer and displayed them proudly. "Each of these letters," he explained, "came with a 'Bullets' prize of some description. Mostly they were 'Targets,' but there was quite a good sprinkling of other prizes."

Mr. Smith was asked how long it took him to make up his £2,000 "Bullet"—IN POVERTY STREET—LOTS THROUGH SAYING "LET'S—."

"Two minutes at the most," was his reply. "And as a week at my ordinary work only brings in £3 10s., you can understand I'm still a little dazed about it all."

"'Bullets' has helped me round many a corner in the past few years," he went on, "and now this money is going to help us into a bigger and better house at last. My wife isn't strong and a change will work wonders. Perhaps we shall need a garage, too," he added meaningly.

***A fond "good-bye"***

"Bullets" has broken down the bars of poverty that encaged the little family of Smiths. Now they are free to flutter their wings in a brighter world of affluence which they have scarcely seen. How that canary must envy them their good fortune!

Don't envy them yourself—you can go one better and win the £2,500 offered this week. Lots may be in Poverty Street through saying "Let's—," but scores of readers are in comfortable circumstances through saying "Bullets!"

IT is fashionable nowadays to speak harshly of the working man. Amateur journalists especially find scope for abuse. The British worker, however, is sound at heart, and will again prove to be the medium by which alone prosperity is attained

# A Good Man Slandered

**by SIR FRANK FOX**

THE British worker—keeping the term to the manual wage-earner—is having to submit to a good deal of preaching lately, some of it rather foolish, some of it frankly impudent.

Yet there was never a time when he needed more tactful treatment. He has a bit of a sore head, something of the feeling of the day after a bad night. He is uneasily aware that he has been a good deal fooled—indeed, that he has made a bit of a fool of himself.

But he knows that most of the mistakes he has made were due to blundering goodheartedness, not malice; knows, too, that most of the leaders who have put him in the cart erred more from stupidity than from wickedness.

He resents savagely the accusation that he is a "Red" enemy of society, out to destroy England and the Empire. But, as I read him, he is in the mood to take good friendly advice coming from the right men.

I can claim to some knowledge of him. For four years I was his mate in the field (or in hospital) during the Great War, when he proved to be the soundest chap in the world—the most steadfast, courageous, human, patient. Before that I have more than once shared his life for a spell as a manual worker or as a tramp looking for work.

### Britain still on top

The British worker is all right. Give him a fair deal and good leadership and he will beat the world at almost any job he undertakes, and will keep the British Empire on top in the future as he has done in the past (with the help of our captains of industry).

He must be allowed his fair share of the credit for the fact that there is hardly one of the great achievements in civilised industry which is not almost wholly a British Empire achievement.

In engineering, transport, shipbuilding, railways, wool and cotton textile industries—indeed, in practically all things that mean progress—the world owes practically everything to the British workers, organisers and scientists.

What the British worker has done in the past he is ready and able to do in the present and the future. But he must have a straight deal and a good example.

He must know that "the boss" is doing his honest bit towards the common weal. Nothing sours him more than the idea that he is being "put upon," or is being preached at by people who have no right to preach.

And if he turns permanently sour we have no chance, for he cannot be bullied or cowed. Great Britain is what it is to-day by reason of the fact that you can't bully or browbeat the mass of the British people.

### The last straw

To illustrate his objection to being put upon, I can recall a sturdy Yorkshire trade unionist who was signals corporal of a battery in which I was an officer.

One truly beastly night behind Vimy ("Fritz" was after a bit of our line) my friend was out with me nearly all the dark hours working in a real storm of shell to keep the wires repaired, getting tossed about in the mud by the blasts of the explosions. He had earned half a dozen decorations before he turned in at 4 a.m.

The same morning at 8 a.m. he routed me out of my dug-out (quite against all rules and regulations). He had on his outstretched palm a haggard-looking bit of bacon.

"Do you call that a breakfast for a man, sir?" he exclaimed.

He could grin at all the gas and shells and mud and hideous danger of the battlefield, but, treated unfairly over his breakfast bacon, he was a raging lion, and no rule or regulation or threat of being "shot at dawn" could keep him from putting his case—with exhibit—before the highest authority available.

### A laudable ideal

A really benighted fool might have delivered him a sermon on rules and regulations, and had a sour man to deal with thereafter.

Having a glimmer of common-sense, I recognised that he had probably been late for the share-out and that the proper remedy was to see that he had from my orderly a good slice of bacon—with egg attached.

The real explanation of why the British worker is such a stubborn trade unionist, and generally such a peaceable chap in trade disputes, is to be found not in his faults but in his virtues.

In other countries the worker is not usually such a stubborn sticker, but he flares up more dangerously.

In England he is stubborn because he is following, perhaps not always wisely in method, but still with a rough sense of justice, the ideal of "Live and let live; be content with a reasonable thing for yourself and then think of your mates; above all, don't blackleg on your neighbour's job."

He is orderly because at heart he cares for his country and has confidence that his country and his countrymen care for him, and that in the long run he will get a fair deal.

But lately he has been often misled along a path which is not only foolish but is dishonest; and that is the path of "ca-canny."

### The parasites on Labour

British history is supreme in the world to-day—it is still supreme for quality, whatever pessimists may say—chiefly because the British worker has been pre-eminently a faithful worker, true to his job, giving a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

That has enabled the British manufacturer, paying higher wages than his European competitors, to beat those competitors in the open markets of the world.

Shoddy work and slack work have been alien to the British worker's spirit; but a sedulous effort has been lately made to twist him to those alien tricks.

The effort has not come from the genuine Labour leaders, but from the parasites on Labour whose aim is not the betterment of British conditions but the ruin of British industry for the benefit of its foreign competitors.

Some of these folk may be merely madmen, who have got the idea that there is salvation in tearing down the whole fabric of society so as to share out to everyone a half brick—presumably to throw at his fellow-man, for it could be put to no other use. In most cases they are rogues making treasonable gains from foreign paymasters.

To deprive these fools and rogues of their power of mischief is the pressing task in England to-day.

*Sir Frank Fox*

That much done, and the tide of prosperity will come quickly flowing back.

The British Empire has the greatest assets in all forms of raw material and of estates to be developed in the world; has the most efficient financial, trading and transport organisations, and has the best stock of skilful and trustworthy workers. All that is needed is to keep all working harmoniously together.

### The revolutionists' lament

To put the rogues and the fools out of action it will be sufficient to make a straight appeal to the honesty and the common-sense of the British worker—that honesty and common-sense which received such a magnificent testimonial at a recent Red International Congress when it was lamented as being "the one obstacle to the world revolution."

He does not want a world revolution. He does want a reasonable standard of comfort for himself and his family. That is close to his hand, but he has to be made to see that he has been fooled into following many lines of action which were dead against his country's interests and therefore his own interests.

There is already a strong suspicion growing in his mind on this point. He is beginning to see through the slim self-seekers of his own country who have been using him and to recognise what his foreign "friends" want of him, and that is the destruction of the British Empire.

But let the profiteers and the politicians with a game to play keep out of the issue. Only men who have the right to preach can preach usefully to the workers of Great Britain.

### The appeal that gets home

It is not a question of politics; the preacher may be Tory, Radical or Labourite, but his standing must be good and he must appeal to comradeship, not to hatred, and appeal for the sake of the country.

On the Somme in 1918 our soldiers would, after sixteen hours' continuous fighting, spend four hours of the night going out to reap the fields of corn in "No Man's Land" because the French peasants wanted for food.

That is the true spirit of the British worker, the spirit which will pull us out of all our troubles if it is invoked to-day.

# Candid Communications

*Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities*

**To the Rt. Hon. DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, M.P., Cheyne Walk, S.W.**

DEAR SIR,—When you opened your land campaign at Lewes you did well in closely uniting your remarks to the subject of coal. The land problem is not an isolated one. It is the problem of how to produce the most from our share of mother earth, food and clothing, houses and farms, woods above and minerals below the earth—in fact, the solution of the land problem is the beginning and end of all our troubles. When we attack the land we attack all. If you can get the people you address to see this your land campaign, whatever the immediate outcome, will not be in vain.

JOHN BULL.

**To Mr. A. M. SAMUEL, M.P., Overseas Trade Department.**

DEAR SIR,—That one single British firm sells in one year more motor-cycles than are turned out by the whole American motor-cycle industry is proof of what we can do when we try. Why other industries do not take this cue, and fit their products to the country and the climates they aim at, is a puzzle. Enough trade to solve the whole of our unemployment problem is lost through inelasticity of method and insularity. Also, it is little use sending catalogues printed only in English when the prospective customers cannot read it. Why don't you point out this to local manufacturers? It might encourage them to get a move on.

JOHN BULL.

**To His Grace the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., Chatsworth House, Derbyshire.**

MY LORD DUKE,—I see you are the latest of the aristocrats to turn your family estates into a limited company. You, like the rest of those who have done so, say that you have been forced to take this step because of the crushing burden of taxation. This is no doubt true. But poorer men than yourself cannot avoid the liabilities which Parliament fixes upon them by any such means. I cannot but express the opinion that out of your vast abundance you should pay to the very limit.

JOHN BULL.

**To Sir ARTHUR QUILLER-COUCH, Professor of Literature, Cambridge University.**

DEAR SIR ARTHUR,—No one seems to have contradicted your astounding statement that in several coast districts holiday bungalows are being erected upon sites which are part of the common land of England. My own enquiries tend to confirm your view that public rights are being shamefully filched. The scandal calls for sharp legislative action.

JOHN BULL.

**To Mr. W. ADAMS, O.B.E., Late Chief Constable, Doncaster.**

DEAR SIR,—I am glad that the authorities have not chosen a crank as chief of the new Government Department for the administration of the betting tax. From all I hear, you will be the right man in the right place, since you look upon the bookmaker as a legitimate business man, and not as a licensed rogue. I wish you success in your difficult job.

JOHN BULL.

**To Mrs. H. W. NEVINSON, J.P., Downside Crescent, Hampstead, N.W.**

DEAR MADAM,—You often wonder why, in churches, we do not write up a new commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery: women only," because men who break their marriage vows are condoned while women who do the same are cut off utterly. Seated on the Bench you are horrified at the caddish, dirty tricks men do to women, that women do to each other, and sometimes women to their husbands. If the entrance of women into the ministry can do anything to set matters right and uphold the single morality standard I shall welcome it.

JOHN BULL.

**To Dr. ALFRED BALL, Medical Officer of Health, Romford.**

DEAR DOCTOR,—You tell us that dirty and ill-ventilated railway carriages and gross overcrowding are responsible for an incalculable amount of ill-health. You might advise one of your patients whose constitution has been undermined in this manner to sue the railway company for damages and give evidence to this effect.

JOHN BULL.

THE WRONG LION

**To Mr. T. WHITE, Coney Green Drive, Longbridge, Birmingham.**

DEAR SIR,—A Mons hero yourself, you have kept in touch with your comrades in that great adventure, and a pitiful tale it is you have to tell. In your possession are two hundred letters from "Old Contemptibles," the majority of whom are "down and out." In short, you have furnished us with still another proof of the great betrayal which is a national disgrace.

JOHN BULL.

**To Mr. CHARLES JEFFRIES, Borough Road, S.E.**

DEAR SIR,—In the terrible triple fire fatality at the basket-maker's shop in Borough Road your gallantry stands out conspicuously. Poor Rooke, who sacrificed his life in a vain attempt to save his wife and baby, had his married love to urge him on. You, with no such tie, followed him up the blazing staircase and from the father's arms were able to bring two little children to safety. In that you have your reward.

JOHN BULL.

**To Dr. T. HOWARD BUTLER, Bristol.**

DEAR SIR,—When addressing delegates from the Rotary Clubs of Britain at the Winter Gardens, Margate, you contended that it was the duty of every tradesman to supply his customers with the goods they wanted at a fair price. Misrepresentation was a grave offence, and truth in advertising should ever be aimed at. I agree that if only the Rotary spirit were more largely applied in trading the world would be a better place to live in.

JOHN BULL.

**To Mr. HAY HALKETT, Marylebone Police Court.**

DEAR SIR,—I cannot agree with you that the Guardianship of Infants Act is a one-sided Act, in which everything is done for the woman and nothing for the man. Neither is it true that the Act is the result of collusion between the Home Office and women's societies. The Act is the outcome of long and anxious probing into facts. Briefly, I fear you are allowing yourself to be blinded by sex prejudice.

JOHN BULL.

**To the Rev. THOMAS JACKSON, Superintendent and Secretary, Whitechapel Mission.**

DEAR PADRE,—You are the oldest Primitive Methodist minister still in harness and you still happily live in one room, furnished with bare necessities, over your mission-hall. Times have changed since you first conducted your Sunday morning services there, fifty years ago. So have manners, for the better. But you had a good way with the "toughs" and won their respect. At nearly eighty years of age you are still working, and presently the Lord Mayor of London will preside at a luncheon to celebrate the jubilee of your labours. The East End has its saints and heroes, and you are one.

JOHN BULL.

## Straight from the Shoulder

SIR T. DESIKACHARI: "The resources of British statesmanship are not exhausted."

*Naturally, because they are so very seldom drawn upon in any real crisis.*

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ALDERMAN JACKSON: "So long as provision of working-class houses is left to the profit-making operations of speculative builders, we shall not get satisfactory results."

*You've hit the nail on the head. Drive it home into the thick heads of all municipal authorities.*

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SIR EDWIN STOCKTON: "The coal trade will make a grave mistake if it takes advantage of the shortage to exploit everyone who needs fuel."

*A bigger mistake will be made by the Government if it allows it.*

*Without Fear or Favour—*

# SLAVES OF THE CROWN

*—by the Editor*

## Still Spending!

THE public has learned with some amazement, not untinged by indignation, of the latest antic of the Colonial Office, which Mr. Amery conducts with such noteworthy vigour.

In outlining to the Press, recently, the aims and objects of the Empire Marketing Board he disclosed the fact that the money spent on publicity for Empire goods would be devoted entirely to the boosting of Imperial products in this country.

The money voted to the Empire Marketing Board, £500,000 this year and £1,000,000 in future years, is really a little gift to the Dominions as a solace for the loss of the extended preferences which Mr. Baldwin promised them in 1923, but subsequently found himself unable to deliver.

The Empire Marketing Board will spend this vote in natural research and the development of transport and storage, and in popularising and making better known the natural products of the Dominions.

This is all right and proper, and excellent so far as it goes, but surely Mr. Amery and his associates cannot expect the already over-taxed British producer to contribute money to advertise gratis the products of less heavily burdened people. The scheme ought to be made reciprocal so far as publicity is concerned.

In describing the aims of the Board, Mr. Amery made the profound announcement that "the producer at home is just as much a citizen of the Empire as his fellow subject in other parts." Much more so, it appears, when it comes to paying the piper!

Fortunately the vote comes before Parliament annually and there will be opportunities of ensuring that when the money is spent the British employer and his men are not entirely forgotten.

## Professional Parasites

WHEN a man is down and out—weary, homeless and hungry—we would be the last to blame him for seeking the assistance of his more fortunate fellows. For the army of professional beggars, however, who have invaded our cities in such numbers, we have no sympathy to spare.

Many of these hawk around a couple of boxes of matches, or a few studs, merely as a blind, since they know that the majority of people who part with their pennies refuse to accept the goods.

The takings of some of these men average twenty shillings a day. They would not tackle a real job of work if it were offered them. They are wonderful actors, and can assume so woebegone an expression at will that it would draw money out of a stone.

It is an undeniable fact that quite a number of these itinerant street vendors are employed by aliens, who pay them a salary and commission on the takings, and pocket the balance.

It is time the police made a serious effort to clear our streets of these parasites.

## Underdogs of the Civil Service

***THE State, like Cæsar's wife, should be above suspicion. A Government which is so concerned at the alleged spread of Bolshevism should at least have the sense to avoid oppressing its own servants and driving them against their own will into the arms of the wreckers***

IT is not so very long ago that a great fuss was made about the rights and wrongs of Civil servants belonging to trade unions, being affiliated to industrial unions, and liable to be called out on strike against the State.

A tremendous song arose about the loyalty of Civil servants to the Crown and the impossibility of allowing a public Service to be disorganised at a moment's notice by a wicked agitator of the British brand of Bolshevik.

In view of some facts which have been brought to our notice, we have no hesitation in saying that the wreckers are in Whitehall and the Bolsheviks in Downing Street.

A few weeks ago the stunt Press announced with a flourish of trumpets that the cost of living bonus given to Civil servants would be reduced by two-twenty-sixths, and it was triumphantly announced that enormous savings would by this means be effected for the nation.

Very nice in theory, but damnably tragic in practice from the victims' view-point. There is no need for us to stress the loyalty to the State and devotion to duty of Civil servants as a whole.

Many of the nation's greatest men have already done this; but that loyalty and devotion are being strained to breaking point by the frequent alteration of wages, always on the down grade and always hitting the lower grades hardest.

For the next six months the bonus which is absolutely necessary to make the wage of the underdog of the Civil Service a living wage will be reduced by one-thirteenth of what it originally was, and not what it has recently been reduced to.

WE are in a position to give exact figures showing the actual effect of this reduction in at least one office. Of a group of five married men, all with families, one loses 2s. 6d. per week out of £2 17s. 3d.; two others lose 2s. 11d. per week out of £3 2s.; one loses £11 per annum out of £224, and another loses £17 per annum. These latter two men will be much worse off than they were before receiving their last increase!

Here is another case. A little typist received an increase of 2s. weekly on becoming "established." The last cut reduced this 2s. to 6d. per week.

She next received an annual increase of 3s. 6d. per week, of which the present cut absorbs 2s. 9d., so that her annual increase for good conduct and efficiency amounts to 9d. a week.

It is within our knowledge that all the above cases are Civil servants employed in work of an extremely technical and intricate nature, for which a high standard of education and intelligence are not only desirable but absolutely necessary. Further, it is an officially recognised fact that the necessary efficiency cannot be obtained under two years, so that these people would not easily be replaceable should they ever so far forget their loyalty to the State as to go on strike.

SUCH is the reward of the underdog of the Civil Service for working in a so-called sheltered industry where, according to the stunt Press, the hours are from ten to four minus an elongated lunch interval; but where they are in actuality nine to six, and often much longer, with three-quarters of an hour for lunch and a martinet staff clerk to see that it is not exceeded; where also the martinet sees to it that work is always kept to concert pitch.

We cannot pretend to be anything but alarmed at the callous attitude of the Treasury towards its servants. We have previously emphasised the fact that the Whitley Councils, which should be of the greatest use and assistance are rendered, negative by the shilly-shally methods, amounting almost to downright shuffling, that are adopted when complaints are made.

We advise the Government to look into this matter in a sympathetic manner before it is too late.

*The Rt. Hon. John Henry Whitley, Speaker of the House of Commons, who established the Whitley Council to deal with and adjust differences between Civil Servants and the Treasury*

## The Miracle-workers

THE flight of Sir Alan Cobham to the furthest edge of Australia and back marks definitely the close of the isolation era. Distance is annihilated. A new age is inaugurated. Miracles are lifted from the realm of fable. They are a commonplace.

That is the danger. Men's minds are dulled by accumulated wonders. They are missing the tremendous possibilities for good—*not evil*—that these things imply. Quite unmoved, we accept daily such miracles of human achievement as in the dark days of superstition would have promptly sent the miracle-workers to the stake, condemned for being in league with the devil.

Thank heaven our mentality has been enlarged. We recognise that instead of being in league with the devil, man has merely learned how to put himself in league with Nature's illimitable forces.

To sit in London listening to a boxing match in Philadelphia is a miracle. It is a miracle when a long-dead singer's voice fills a room with harmony. To see the forms of dead and living actors unfold the screen drama is a miracle.

In the air, in the sea, on the earth and under the earth these miracles are still being performed and improved upon. The winds and the waters, fire and electricity, answer to man's behest.

The inference must not be shirked. When the same creative, imaginative energy is co-operatively exerted on the domestic side, there will be an end of all our social ills.

Cannot the same ability that girdles the earth clothe the earth with clean and wholesome cities and comfortably house the people? Can it not feed and educate all its children?

Can it not find them all employment and give to every man useful and productive work? It can. Only one thing is needed, the will to do it.

# One Bone—Two Dogs!

by A. G. GARDINER

***"LEARN or perish!" That is the message of recent events. Capital and Labour have been on trial and found sadly wanting. Workers and employers must be found in one camp—or Britain's days are numbered!***

*The Rt. Hon. Lieut.-Col. F. S. Jackson, M.P., Chairman of the National Union of Conservative Associations*

I HOPE Mr. Baldwin will keep his head in handling the greatest domestic issue that has ever confronted this country. That issue has come to a head this year in a series of events that in magnitude and consequence approximate to a civil war. It is true there has been neither bloodshed nor violence. That is the one splendid and helpful fact.

But in material damage the conflict has been as ruinous as a great war, and it is clear that unless we can establish a new and better industrial relationship in this country we are doomed to sink, and sink speedily, in the scale of nations. "Learn or perish" is the alternative before us.

On the one side, Mr. Baldwin is being goaded by his hotheads in Parliament and in the Press to take the offensive against trade unionism, and, on the other, Mr. Cook is already talking of the "next time," when not one Cook but thousands of Cooks will take the field and the abortive revolution of 1926 will be ravenged.

## *Counsels of insanity*

These, on both sides, are the counsels of insanity. If they prevailed British industry might as well put up the shutters. It is as foolish for the Cooks to think that they can raise the flag of Leninism here as it is for the Fascists of Toryism to think that they can crush the trade unions.

The experience of the general strike has shown the futility of the one, and Mr. Baldwin knows enough about the history of the trade union movement to know that its destruction would be a disaster to British industry.

That industry rests mainly upon the efficiency, contentment and high quality of British labour, and it will not be denied that it was trade unionism which rescued British labour from the wretched conditions of the past, gave it independence, the power of negotiating and the highest standard of living of any country in Europe.

We should be fools to make war on an institution which has accomplished so much and has still infinite potentialities of useful service.

## *Unquestionable rights*

This does not mean that the experience of this year calls for no legislative modifications in regard to the liberties of trade unionism. The nation has suffered the gravest challenge to its existence ever made in its history.

I do not think that that challenge, the general strike, is likely to be repeated in our time, but no Government could proceed on that assumption. It must be prepared for possibilities.

It must secure that the right of men who wish to work is exercised without fear of violence from those who do not wish to work. It must insist that the vote of a man in regard to whether he wishes or does not wish to strike shall be given in secrecy and in freedom from any tyranny.

Every citizen has this protection at the polling-booth and every workman is entitled to the same liberty of action. And liability for the breach of contract must rest upon the trade union as implacably as upon the rest of us.

But these securities, however important, do not touch the real problem. What industry needs is not a new scheme of armaments, but a new frame of mind, a new outlook, a new motive.

At present industry is conducted in this country, not as if it were a co-operative activity, but as if it were a war between rival armies. The employers sit in one camp and scheme against the men; the employed sit in another camp and plot against the employers.

Between them the industry, which is the common interest of both, is hammered and hindered and defeated, and the public well-being is recklessly sacrificed.

I am not concerned here with the responsibility for this lamentable folly. Probably the employers in the past were the main cause. It was their selfishness that canalised the trade union movement into a hostile shape.

## *Spiders and flies*

To-day I think the main obstacle is the trade union movement itself which, having grown habituated to the idea of being merely a fighting institution, is unable to think in new terms for the new time, and being bankrupt of ideas, falls a victim to incendiary wind-bags like Mr. Cook.

The fact we have to recognise is that there is not room for two camps in industry. There is only room for one camp. We cannot afford war; we can only afford peace. There is as much need for the League of Nations spirit in industry as in international affairs.

This does not mean the extinction or the suppression of the trade union movement. It means the diversion of its energies and loyalties from hostile activities to co-operative activities.

I know that to a certain type of extremist, who can only think in terms of revolution, this will sound like the siren voice of the employer. But I am not speaking here to the extremist, who, though voluble and active, is not numerous.

I am speaking to the ordinary, sensible workman, who wants neither Leninism nor Mussolinism, but good work, a square deal and security.

## *The secret of peace*

What would the one-camp idea mean? It would not mean the break-up of either the masters' organisations or the men's. Nor would it mean the sacrifice of the right to strike. But it would mean that both would meet round a table for the discussion of the affairs of the industry.

On that table all the cards would be laid. The men would not be left in darkness as to the economic facts of the industry. They would have access to all the documents. And with that knowledge all the atmosphere of distrust and suspicion would vanish.

This is not a dream. It is in practice. It is at the root of the high wages and high production in America. It is the secret of the long peace and happy conditions which have prevailed for a generation in the boot and shoe industry in this country. It has made firms like that of Renold's of Manchester models of what can be achieved by co-operation and confidence.

This and this alone is the direction in which industry can win peace and recover prosperity. But to achieve it we must have good will all round.

Give us a truce of five years to reconstruct industry and we can stand fearlessly against the world. But there must be no foolish crusading against trade unionism. That way lies disaster.

***What a tragic farce it is to keep so much labour unemployed, thereby forcing the nation to the verge of starvation***

# Why Not a

WE often hear of a capital levy from our Socialist friends as if it were a production of new wealth. As a matter of fact, it is nothing of the kind: it is simply a redistribution of the nation's wealth in different proportions, or robbing Peter to pay Paul.

*Lord Strathspey*

To-day the gentle art of helping yourself to your neighbour's goods has become a science. The old commandment that forbade you to envy your neighbour's goods seems to have gone the way of the commandment that forbade you to envy your neighbour's wife, so that we have the "dole" and the divorce courts both working overtime.

No wonder that we are not richer or happier. How could we be along these lines, when no one's love or capital is safe from the attacks of the envious; but no one seems to look upon envy as the root of the evil.

In the old days charity was known for what it is in principle—a free gift by those with a superfluity of wealth to those without means.

To-day, you might define it as "the right to help yourself to money wherever it is to be found, no matter whether your poverty is really your own fault or whether the money you take is another man's 'savings.'"

It has become quite an art, this handling of the other man's money—which you denounce, when in his possession, as capital, but when in your own you call subsidy—but as I have already said, this is not creating new wealth any more than the transfer of men from one regiment to another is creating a new army.

YOU cannot make the poor rich merely by making the rich poor, indefinitely. If you do everyone will cease to work or to save. What we all need is to increase the sum total of the nation's wealth.

We hear a little too much of the idle capitalist, but as a matter of fact capital is never idle: it is always at work somewhere or other, bringing in money and turning over and over again in the shape of wages.

There are not too many capitalists, there are too few capitalists in the world, and for this reason

# Intrigue in High Places

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

***"WHEN you come to our foreign policy you are no longer Englishmen, you are no longer British; you are recommended not to enquire. If you do, you are told you cannot understand it; you are snubbed, you are hustled aside" (John Bright)***

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN has had a secret meeting with Signor Mussolini, who proceeded with a naval escort, quite in the manner of the Kaiser or the late Czar of Russia, to an agreed point off Leghorn.

They may have talked about the weather, though I doubt it. They may have spent their time planning to work hand in hand for the betterment of mankind, though I rather doubt that too.

I gather that M. Briand also doubts it for, despite the fact that Sir Austen gilded the pill by calling in to see M. Briand on his way back through Paris, this latter gentleman now tells the world that he would very much like to "meet Signor Mussolini along with Sir Austen Chamberlain and talk things over."

And just prior to all this Herr Stresemann had had a secret meeting with M. Briand. They, too, may have talked about the weather; they, too, may have decided to do everything in their power to make the world a better place, but on the whole I doubt that too.

I am both angry and alarmed at the very simple fact that I have not the least idea what all these gentlemen do talk about when they meet in secret. All thinking men and women must be both angry and alarmed when they see their elected representatives slink furtively into holes and corners as though they had something to hide, as though they were engaged in some unpleasant business which they would be terrified to expose to the cold scrutiny of an anxious world.

### *What the people are told*

I do not doubt for a minute that if the world really knew what all these statesmen talk about when they meet in this mysterious fashion, it would have a fit.

Statesmen met in this way for years prior to 1914, and they kept their secrets fairly well. We now know the result of all these secret meetings. They led straight to a most perfect representation of hell on earth.

Then, as now, we were told—as John Bright said long ago—that the matter was too deep for common understandings like ours, that there was a great mystery about it, that it was what is called diplomacy, with which common or garden men had or could have no possible concern.

But when this mysterious thing that is called diplomacy led to the catastrophe of 1914, it was the common or garden man who had to pay with his blood and his life for the ghastly muddlings and mistakes that were hatched in secret.

### *An iniquitous system*

Diplomacy failed to avert the calamity of the war; was clumsy and ineffective during the course of the war, and its method of concluding the peace left it entirely discredited and, we all hoped, dead and damned.

It is not dead, nor yet damned. Diplomacy is still busy adding to its series of failures; the people still remain helpless and entirely inarticulate. The conduct of our foreign affairs is still left to a group of men recruited for the Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service by a system of nomination, and no one who cannot guarantee an income of at least £400 a year has the least chance of securing such a nomination.

This is certainly one way of rubbing in the supposed fact that diplomacy is a mystery too high for the understanding of common people.

But statesmen did not always consider us so half-witted as to be incapable of understanding the intricacies of diplomacy and the meaning of more or less plain English. For soon after the beginning of the late war the Government issued a Blue Book at the price of one penny, containing the correspondence between the Foreign Secretaries and Ambassadors for Europe in order to show us what they held to be the true causes of the war.

*The Rt. Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain, K.G., M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs*

There was only one reason why this Blue Book was published at the unprecedented price of a penny—simply that every working man and woman might have the opportunity of studying for himself or herself the documentary evidence to the immediate causes of the war.

### *Underhand intrigues*

How can they ever say again, therefore, that the people are incapable of judging as to the conduct of foreign policy, as to the weight of evidence on one side or the other, as to the rights and wrongs of a certain course of action? How *can* they say this when the people were expected to stake their lives on the judgment they formed of the evidence the Government placed before them?

Now, there are certain things which could be done at once to remove a good deal of the anxiety and suspicion that are created by these secret visits of statesmen, these backstairs methods and underhand intrigues which keep the peace of Europe balanced on a knife edge and the people for ever sitting on the brink of a volcano.

There should most certainly be open competition for posts in the Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service just as there is open competition for any branch of the Civil Service, and the iniquitous income limit should be abolished.

It is the negation of any system of democratic Government to keep the most vitally important posts in the Government as the preserve of a small, moneyed, but not necessarily brainy class.

But far more important is the establishment of a Foreign Office Committee of the House of Commons which, drawn from every section of the House, should sit to watch over and deliberate on detailed points of foreign affairs so as to keep the House of Commons informed on what is happening.

### *A condemned tradition*

Such committees exist in the United States, in France and in Germany, and there is no reason at all that they should not exist in this country.

It is intolerable that there should be two theories of international relationships—one for peace and one for war. When the people are needed as cannon fodder there is then no question of withholding information from them. They are told anything and everything that will lash at their enthusiasm and stiffen their resistance.

But in the eyes of statesmen the people are not needed in times of peace. They must not know. They cannot understand.

The tradition of secrecy that shrouds the Foreign Office is condemned by its own acts. It led us into the most bloody war the world has ever seen. Openness and publicity could have done no more. Who dare say that it would not have averted the whole miserable business?

# Labour Levy?

by LORD STRATHSPEY

a capital levy would be no remedy; but why, may I ask, does not a real Socialist get up and demand a labour levy?

That would be talking sound economics, for it would increase the total wealth of the nation without disturbing that already in existence.

ALL this being paid for being idle is not merely bad economics, but bad Socialism as well. For even were the State the sole capitalist, as Socialists demand, the man on the "dole" would still be a dead loss to the Socialist State, which, to be logical, should be able to force every man to "earn his keep."

Instead, therefore, of this continual outcry from our Socialist friends for a capital levy, why not a levy on labour, giving the Government the same right to put the million and a half unemployed to any work they were fit for, and selling that work in the open market of the world?

If the State can take a man's savings in taxes for subsidies, it should certainly have the right to compel earnings from the man who receives the benefit of this transfer of capital.

Personally, I think that the "dole" should never have been in the nature of an insurance; it should merely have been a "loan," and then we should have had some attempt to repay it.

Every levy on capitalism is to that extent a weakening of the capital of the nation (for money makes money), and consequently bad Socialism.

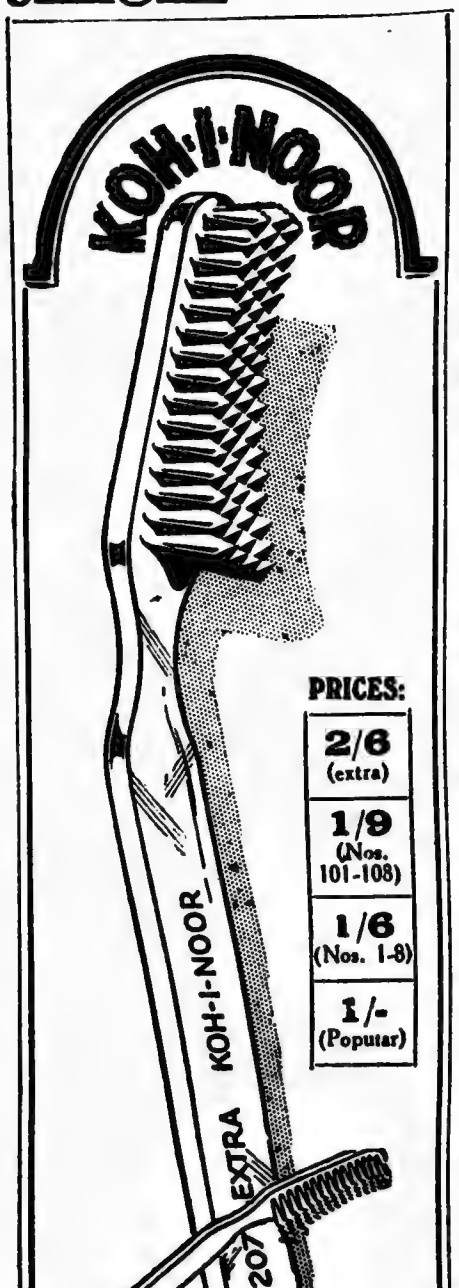
If the Socialists therefore want to be logical, as well as economic, they would demand a labour levy—a compulsory drafting of those not earning their keep into great State schemes, such as road-making, or even, if necessary, transportation to the Dominions for vast schemes of Empire development.

FOR of all the useless drones we hear so much about from our Socialist friends, the worst kind of drone is the drone that lives upon another's savings and accepts capital and refuses labour.

Even the capitalist is a worker compared with him—there will be plenty of time to talk about a capital levy after the labour levy has taken place.

If a Conservative Government passed it, however, it would be the most Socialistic measure that had ever been seen in the country, for it would not merely divide the wealth of the nation in different proportions, but would actually multiply the total.

I venture to think it would solve half our economic difficulties out of hand. We cannot continue for ever under a dead weight of costly unemployment.

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### Steps to Stop the Plunderers

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In a recent notorious case of supposed accidental death, afterwards proved to be suicide, it was stated that the victim had recently taken out a policy for £5,000, with a clause rendering the policy ineffective in the event of suicide. That policy, of course, will not now be paid.

The public has, perhaps, been surprised to find how much trouble insurance companies take to protect themselves against a deliberately planned robbery of their funds.

They would be much more surprised if they knew the number of people in high station with whom insurance companies will have nothing whatever to do.

Amongst the lower classes, when things are difficult, when the wolf has got his head and shoulders through the door, the starving man frequently goes out and steals something to raise a few shillings to get food for his children. If caught, he is very severely punished.

***How the gentry "raise the wind"***

In Mayfair, when the upper class gets hard up, it shows much greater resource and dexterity. It sets itself out to steal just as deliberately as the starving workman, but it proceeds on the great maxim of "safety first."

Robbing an insurance company is a pleasing recreation. If it comes off, you collect the swag. If it does not, you run no risk.

It is to frustrate people of this kind that great insurance companies and bodies like Lloyd's keep a detective staff of their own. They have agents everywhere.

During the war, a ship, carrying ammunition from America, was sunk by a mine or submarine somewhere off Land's End. An insurance claim of about half a million sterling was put in.

Lloyd's agents went after the crew, which had scattered half over the world. They pieced together their story, and found discrepancies in it. Some said the explosion took place forward, others said it was aft. Some said that they struck a mine and others stated that they were hit by a torpedo.

***The divers' discovery***

Lloyd's were not satisfied, and spent a few thousand pounds on a diving expedition. The divers came up and reported that the explosion was from inside, not from outside the vessel. They were told to go down again, break open the hatches and bring up some of the cargo.

They did so, and the sample box, when opened, contained nothing but stones. The insurance policy was not paid to the owners, who were Greeks.

Not long ago a millionaire captain of industry reported to Scotland Yard that he had been the victim of a cat burglary, losing jewellery worth many thousands of pounds. The insurance companies put their experts to work. They found no traces of an entry from outside.

They said nothing, but simply declined to pay for the present. They investigated the private life of every member of the owner's family, and found that he had a boy who was living a double life, and was a frequenter of the worst West End night clubs.

A private detective made friends with him, spending money very freely, and entirely won his confidence. After a time the boy admitted that he was hard up, but said he had some jewels to dispose of, and ultimately produced them.

*Mrs. Beran, under pretence of whose death an endeavour to obtain £2,000 under an insurance policy was made, and who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment*

The matter was hushed up, the policy was not paid, and the boy was sent abroad.

***The long arm of the law***

The people who think they can make money by false insurance claims do not know what they are up against.

Everybody knows the recent case of the woman who disappeared, leaving her clothes on the beach. The insurance company paid up on her life policy, but it was not satisfied. Its agents all over the world were set to work.

After some years they traced her in New Zealand, brought her back, and she is now in jail.

Sometimes accident plays an important part. In the blazing motor-car mystery, now no longer a mystery, the dead man had intended to capsize the car in a ditch, but it struck a telephone pole and did not overturn. Had it done so, there would have been no evidence of the murder and suicide.

A well-known actress insured for £500 a sable coat given to her by a Russian prince. The insurance company paid up.

***What the waiter heard***

Some time later she was lunching at a smart West End restaurant with a woman friend, to whom she had sold the coat she was supposed to have lost. The luncheon was to celebrate the coup. It cost over £10.

The obsequious and deferential waiter made twice that amount. He rang up an insurance assessor, and told him the story. The actress was compelled to disgorge the £500, and is lucky not to be in prison.

The wife of a professional man, formerly a wealthy and extravagant widow, lodged a claim for a stolen rope of pearls. The insurance company paid, with a mental reservation.

A servant was installed in her house and presently reported that the lady had taken out a policy with another company on her diamonds, which she proposed to lend to a friend, the wife of a Harley Street physician.

The other company was informed and cancelled the policy. The lady clearly had an action at law for this cancellation, but she did not choose to take it.

The public would be surprised to know how much money is spent on investigating claims, in order to sift the genuine from the false.

In big cases, like the loss of ships, members of the crew are sometimes shadowed by the companies' detectives into foreign ports, and the man who ships with them on their next voyage may be an agent of Lloyd's.

In any case, even in small claims, secret and exhaustive enquiries are made into the mode of life, character, reputation and financial standing of the claimants.

***A quick recovery***

Most people know the story of the insurance assessor who called to see an injured man who lay in bed very white and still. Half an hour after leaving the assessor came back, on the plea that he had forgotten his umbrella. He found the sick man up and dressed, eating steak and onions before going to a football match.

Attempting to swindle an insurance company is the most dangerous as well as the most futile of games. It will be much more dangerous in future.

The companies have now established a complete network organisation of investigation all over the country, and they have further decided to prosecute in practically every abortive case.

The immunity of the artful dodgers, in Mayfair as elsewhere, is, very properly, to come to an end.

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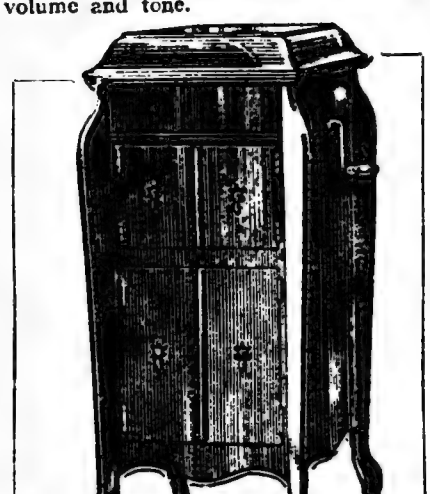

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# MENTAL HOME REVELATIONS

## OFFICIAL INSPECTORS' STRIKING REPORT

### The Useless Board of Control

IT is not many weeks since the public read with grave misgivings the Report of the Royal Commission on Lunacy.

The Commissioners, after a long and searching investigation, gave it as their considered opinion that the care and treatment of those confined in State and private mental homes were far from what they ought to be.

More than usual interest must attach, therefore, to the Annual Report of the Board of Control for Lunacy and Mental Deficiency, which has just been published.

The report contains the records of the Board inspectors who have visited every one of the institutions in England and Wales, which are under Government supervision.

Possibly the most serious criticism relates to the Joint Counties Mental Hospital, Carmarthen.

At the time of the inspectors' visit, the all-important question of diet appears to have been urgently in need of revision.

#### *The meagre dinner*

"The dinner," say the inspectors, "whilst thoroughly enjoyed, struck us as unsatisfying in amount; on many of the plates the allowance of meat was meagre; nor did the helping of vegetables look as liberal as we are accustomed to see."

If there is one place where absolute cleanliness would be expected, it is in a mental hospital supervised by doctors and staffed by trained nurses.

Yet we read that, although the patients were clean, at the farm at Carmarthen there are "very primitive arrangements for washing before milking, and for the cleansing and storing of the milk-cans, arrangements which seem to be very far removed from those required by modern ideas."

Although the inspectors paid their visit in the winter time they found that in one section of the hospital there were only ten overcoats for forty-two male patients, and in another open ward twelve overcoats for twenty-nine patients.

#### *No Night-shirts*

On the women's side there appear to have been no overcoats supplied, and the inspectors were told that the nurses sometimes lent them to the patients if they went outside.

In one of the big dormitories they found the radiators quite cold and were "surprised to hear that all through the recent very cold weather" these radiators had not been used.

They saw no night-shirts, and although they were told that material had been ordered, that amount would not "go very far towards supplying night-shirts and night-dresses to all the patients."

There were no nail-brushes in the lavatories. There was not sufficient stationery for the patients to indulge in a reasonable amount of correspondence.

In many places in the building they detected a smell of gas, and in one or two cases found a "considerable leakage."

In this connection the inspectors make the astonishing comment that "attention has been called to this matter on former occasions." If that is so, why was no action taken by the authorities?

The institution at Menston, West Riding, comes in for some strong, though not general, criticism. We read of the absence of facilities for

*Sir C. L. Forestier-Walker, M.P., one of the Commissioners of the Board of Control*

the careful inspection of the patients' physical condition.

The "most cursory examination showed the absolute necessity of dental treatment for many patients throughout the institution."

No dentist had been appointed, there was no dental surgery and, except in very few wards, toothbrushes were not provided.

While the dietary scale at Menston was, on the whole, "fairly good," we read that on four consecutive mornings the breakfast comprised bread, margarine and porridge, and on two days the tea meal provided for the issue of a beverage with "bread and margarine only."

The inspectors called on a Friday and they found that a meal of "unappetising" steamed fish was provided for dinner. It did not seem to be appreciated by many of the patients and was refused by many of the patients and was refused by some.

#### *The helpless Board*

Whatever the conditions may be in some mental hospitals, our strongest criticism must be reserved for the system of supervision itself.

The Board of Control is a body which, as we have shown so often, is in undisputed authority over the destinies of children sent to homes for the mental deficient. Over the welfare of actual lunatics, confined in mental hospitals, however, it appears to have no control whatever.

We venture to suggest that it would be better for the community if its powers were restricted in the first case and increased in the second.

However bad the Board of Control may find conditions to be in the adult mental hospitals, they can do no more, apparently, than make a few pious recommendations.

We have already drawn attention to the case of the leakage of gas at Carmarthen, a peculiarly unhealthy state of affairs in any hospital. The inspectors have complained about it before, but nothing is done.

#### *Night-staff Supervision*

The same thing has happened at Surrey Mental Hospital at Netherne:

"The need for better supervision of the night-staff," say the inspectors, "has been referred to in former reports, by members of our board, and we therefore feel it unnecessary to do more than again call attention to the desirability of the appointment of an officer of the rank of assistant-matron, who shall be responsible, either solely or in rotation, with those of similar rank, for the efficiency of the night nursing.

"As so often happens, the night staff is composed largely of young nurses, who should, in our opinion, have some fully qualified person over them, to whom questions of doubt and difficulty can be referred."

The Board of Control consists of twelve Commissioners (including the secretary) and five fully qualified inspectors, four of whom have medical degrees.

They all cost money, yet when they do find that all is not as it should be, they can do no more than mildly set forth the fact in a Blue-Book such as the Annual Report (which, incidentally, costs the Government 12s. 6d. per copy to print).

Should their findings be ignored, they have no power to recommend, far less to take, disciplinary action.

#### *Private homes too*

There is also the question of private homes. From time to time we have received complaints in respect of these places. They may be justified or they may not.

For obvious reasons, we are not in a position to make as full enquiries as in other directions, and the public are, therefore, left to a certain extent in the dark as to the true state of affairs.

To our disappointment we find that the reports of the Board of Control inspectors are purely formal, and deal briefly with such matters as business improvements and the number of patients on the books.

Obviously the activities of the Board of Control in this respect are a farce. If it is not in a position to criticise the private homes when criticism is called for it should spend the taxpayers' money in some other direction.


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# A BLOT ON THE CHURCH

**by The Rev. H. G. WILKS, M.A.**

THE following advertisement, which appeared in the *Times* Personal column a day or so ago, illustrates one of the gravest injustices in the governmental system of the Established Church:

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As a mid-Victorian figure in literature the "hunting parson" may capture our imagination, but it is time the Church did a little hunting on its own account.

***Need for drastic reform***

I would appeal to those high ecclesiastical dignitaries to descend from Olympus and lead the chase.

Let them run to earth a real evil that exists in the Church's organisation; an evil which is paralysing in its effect and utterly detrimental to the best interests of pulpit and pew.

Justice cries for drastic reform in the Church's system of patronage. Clergy and laity alike suffer much under existing conditions.

Parishioners, in an overwhelming number of instances, have little or no voice in the choice of their parson, whilst the lot of the clergy is equally fortuitous.

In the comparatively new diocese of Sheffield, which contains some 262 parishes, it is amazing to reflect that the Bishop himself can only exercise a legal right in the appointment of ministers to thirty-two benefices!

The Crown (a patronage much at the mercy of political influences), the Lord Chancellor, the Duchy of Lancaster, various University Corporations, dukes, earls, and a host of land-owning commoners, to a large extent determine the respective clerical recipients of the "plums" of the Church.

Suppose the comfortable benefice of "Little Muggleton" to be in the gift of the Lord Chancellor. It now falls vacant.

***Bishop's bold move***

Is it offered as a reward to some hard-working pastor who has spent the best part of his energy toiling in the city slums? The Shavian retort in Pygmalion rises to my mind!

Oh, no! Unless the parson has "friends at court" substantial preferment is an elusive affair.

Wheels within wheels—yes, even in the Church. In a business concern deliberate "wire-pulling" is inevitable; in a Christian Church it strikes a note of incongruity—in short, it is inexcusable.

A few days ago the Bishop of Worcester took the bold step of purchasing a number of advowsons from the Earl of Dudley. This act was in the best interests of the diocese.

Had the Bishop been forestalled by private individuals, the destinies of six Worcestershire benefices would have been determined by outside influences, possibly by individuals

*The Rev. H. G. Wilks, M.A.*

totally unacquainted with the needs of the parishes concerned.

Thus the sordid traffic in the "cure of souls" goes on apace. There being no vision, the spiritual life of the people perishes.

***A bitter struggle***

The irony of it all. Whilst the House of Bishops sits, splitting straws over the phraseology of the new Prayer-book, their efforts are followed by the weary eyes of hundreds of dispirited and disillusioned clergy.

These men once began their careers with hope and vision—yea, with a certain commendable ambition.

Ambition in the Church? comes the echo. Certainly. Parsons are human; they have wives and children. Naturally they hope and strive for preferment.

Unaided by influence, devoid of "private means," the parson of the Establishment finds the struggle a bitter one.

Does merit count towards promotion? Precious little. "Men will not offer themselves for holy orders!" is the frequently heard cry of the Bishops.

Is this alleged shortage of candidates for the ministry surprising? Men who enter the ministry of the Church don't expect to make a fortune, but a just reward for energy and ability must be ceded as a right.

The following incident is no mere hearsay; I witnessed it myself. A few weeks ago, a certain lady of title approached a clerical relative and requested him to recommend to her a suitable incumbent for a vacant benefice in her gift.

***Her ladyship's veto***

The name of a certain hard-working and conscientious man was mentioned, who had done quiet yet valuable work in a neighbouring artisan parish.

Whilst acknowledging this man's fidelity to his vocation, her ladyship quickly signified her disapproval. She had heard that he was "rather democratic," a bit "crude" and totally self-educated! No, he would not be suitable.

As a matter of pure fact, the parson who was being thus analysed would have been admirably suitable—for the parish!

But there you are. Her ladyship held the legal right of veto and so the matter ended. The disciples of Galilee themselves would have been disqualified on the grounds of "crudity."

Until political and individual interests are abolished from the Church's system of patronage, sheer merit in the parson will never earn its just reward.

Many preferments made in the name of furthering the interests of Christ's kingdom are merely hollow shows of mockery which veil a contemptible system of wire-pulling.

***The real remedy***

The remedy is simple. Unfettered, let the Church manage its own internal affairs.

That the swing of the political pendulum should affect a Dean's chance of slipping into a vacant bishopric is monstrous; that the people have scarce a voice in the choice of their pastor is equally unsatisfactory.

The only privilege the Enabling Act actually gave to the laity was a humorous one. It *allowed* them to be responsible for the financial burdens of the parish!

Since they are entrusted to pay the piper, why not let them call the tune?

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*by PHILIP INMAN*

*THE will to live is our greatest ally. That will may at times be strengthened by the remembrance of a duty unfulfilled, with determination to accomplish it even at the end*

# THE FORTY-FIVE PINS

ON August Bank Holiday Monday there came into my hospital an elderly man whose illness had baffled his doctor. Before that day ended his trouble had been diagnosed. It was found that he was suffering from a painful and incurable disease.

In order to afford him some relief an operation had been performed, but, alas! it was found that the complaint had spread like the roots of a tree until almost every part of his body had become affected.

"There's one blessing," said the surgeon, "he won't have to endure it for long. A week or a fortnight at the most."

But that surgeon had reckoned without his patient.

It is always a problem as to whether one who is doomed to an early death should be told his fate. Sometimes it is not necessary to say anything at all, for the victim often experiences a wonderful intuition, telling him that his days on earth are numbered.

***The uppermost thought***

I think this must have been so with the man of my story. He had scarcely recovered from the anæsthetic when he whispered to the nurse, "I know it's no good—I'm past it."

Then in a more confident tone he enquired, "How long can I live?" and there was no tremor in his voice and no sadness in his eyes. When he knew the worst he asked for a cable form. "I've got a boy in Australia that I'm going to see before I go," he said.

The quickest route from Australia takes at least six weeks, and according to the specialist this man had but a fortnight to live. Still, the cable form was produced and the urgent summons flashed across the seas. Back came the response, "Leaving for home at once."

From that moment only one thought was uppermost in the mind of that patient and that was to see his boy again before passing on.

Early the next morning as I sat by his bedside he clutched hold of my arm feverishly. "I'm going to ask you to get something for me," he said, and his voice trembled with emotion. "I want a box of pins and a large map showing the journey from Australia to England."

In the intervals of relief from the spasms of excruciating pain, he busied himself during the whole of that day. He mapped out his son's voyage into forty-five days

*Philip Inman*

and he placed forty-five pins on the map showing what he called "Each day's milestone."

"He left yesterday," he told me, "so I've taken one pin out. To-morrow, out comes the second one."

***A crucial time***

So the fortnight passed by and the patient still lived. When I walked by his bed on the fifteenth day he chuckled as he said, "Somebody else ought to be in this bed." I asked him what he meant and he went on, "Well, you know, I'm cheating you. I ought to have gone by now."

Every morning after that, before I entered the ward, I asked the nurse the same question, and I always received the same reply, "Still living.'

There were only three days left before the son was due to arrive, and it almost seemed as if the old man's last wish was to be granted, but during that night he had a heart attack and early the next morning his condition had become critical.

It was a feeble voice which asked that the map should be laid out on his bed, and it was a still more feeble hand which removed one of the three remaining pins. "There are only two left," I whispered to him.

***An answered prayer***

When he spoke his words sounded a long way off, but they carried a wonderful appeal. "God, let me live to see him again," he prayed.

That petition was not denied him, for on the Thursday morning, three days later, a tender and touching reunion took place between that father and his son.

I was leaving them together when the old man called me back. At first it was difficult to catch his words, but as he went on his voice seemed to regain its strength.

"I want you to witness this," he said to me. "It's done my heart good to see my boy, but I'm thankful I've been spared for something else.

"Six months ago my wife died," and turning to his boy he went on, "I promised your mother on her death-bed that I would hand to you something which she regarded as her greatest treasure."

He took from under his pillow a sealed packet which he gave to his son. "Now I've kept my word," he said, and on his face came a look of perfect peace. That night he died in his sleep.

I have never before pointed a moral in the articles I contribute week by week to this paper. I am content to leave my story to speak for itself, but this week I cannot refrain from saying just one word.

If a man who is eaten away by a vile and loathsome disease can defy death for several weeks, what about those of us who have lost heart and hope although afflicted only by some of the minor disorders of life?

In the battle with death the will to live is our greatest ally. Not to possess it is to die before our time.

***The Sentence of the Court***

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"I think I have quoted enough to show that the reading public is being invited to drink from poisoned Wells."

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The prisoner, who conducted his own defence, launched into an involved discourse on biology, anthropology and physics; barked his shins against psychoanalysis; tangled himself up in theology, and, losing his bearings, concluded with a gesture equivalent to the three dots (. . .) to which he resorts when his thoughts become too subtle for words.

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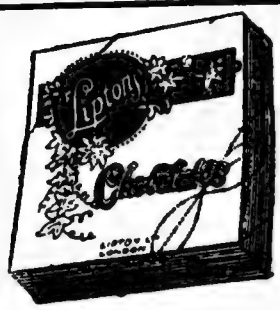


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***Words Winged to Women***

*THAT the mentality of women has changed during the last two decades is a factor too often forgotten. Yet it must be taken into consideration when trying to find out the cause of so much married unhappiness to-day*

# PRISON-CELL HOMES

**by MABEL HORNER**

THERE was pain in the coroner's court at Camberwell when the inquest on the body of Mrs. Doris Dagmar Newnham was held. This poor young thing was a bride of only four months' standing. Yet, for eight weeks at least of that brief period she had confessed herself a failure as a wife; she was moody and unhappy, and she ended by cutting short her own life.

The Newnhams were an affectionate couple. The husband had made no complaint. But he had to go out daily to his business, and in his absence the girl-wife found the loneliness of her home life insupportable.

It is easy for a coroner to dismiss this problem as the craving of young women of to-day for excitement. The trouble is more deep-seated. It is indicative of better things than a mere "craving for excitement."

***Terrible isolation***

Before marriage Mrs. Newnham had been a worker in the G.P.O. The change from the busy centre of the General Post Office, with its crowds of girls and social opportunities, to the isolation of her new situation was terrific. She succumbed to depression so deep that her mind became unhinged.

But there are others who do not succumb and who yet find they need a larger outlet for mind and energy than the care of one small home can give. Even where there are children the mother can give them more intelligent care if her mind is broadened by contact with the larger world.

The woman of a bygone day, who regarded man as her "lord and master," and found her whole mental universe in ministering to his needs, has vanished. She has been educated to a larger sphere.

And, unless she is to become a narrow-minded, peevish, nerve-racked creature, the doors of her married life must not close her in as in a prison.

It is not the "craving for excitement," but the really vital need for change of atmosphere and contact with others that sends so many young married women seeking distraction in dance-hall and cinema.

Those who feel the need, but do not get it, may, as we see in the case of Mrs. Newnham, be actually killed by depression.

***A great opportunity***

It seems to me the fault of our social arrangements that so many young women have so little opportunity for wholesome communal life once they are married.

And that is why I wish that the women's institutes, which are doing so much to brighten the lives of married women in the country districts and smaller towns, could also be established in the cities.

It was not until 1915 that women's institutes were started in the hamlets and villages, and already more than 3,300 are in existence, and they have a membership of more than 200,000 women.

In the very best sense of the word, these are women's clubs. To them, in happy intercourse, come the women of all creeds and politics or of none, and without distinction of money or class.

They run programmes of educational and social interest. There is music and song, and the study of arts and crafts. There are dramatic societies and co-operative enterprises. Women learn how to "do things." There is exchange and barter and the selling of work.

Homes are better kept through the business methods practised in the institute. The members become intelligent, understanding citizens.

Above all, loneliness and the terrible sense of dreary isolation is banished. Every woman counts for something in the village institute. It is a real brightener and enlarger of woman's life.

*Lady Denman, C.B.E., Chairman National Federation of Women's Institutes*

***The blighting prison-house***

So I wish there was a movement to start women's institutes in the cities. Cities can be more lonely or they can be more dangerous than the little towns.

The institute movement offers life and variety, in the best of all possible ways, to the woman who needs it most, the young wife who, suddenly taken from all the freedom and liveliness of girlish companionships, finds life narrowed to the compass of four little walls closing her in like a prison-house.

If the National Federation of Women's Institutes would extend its movement to the big cities there would, I dare prophesy, be an equally big response.

# Black Maria Babies

**by FREDERICK GRAVES, Ph.D., L.R.C.P., etc. (late Surgeon Civil and Military Prisons)**

THE other day a boy of seventeen was sent to jail for the heinous crimes of sleeping out and resisting the majesty of the law. It is true he was fined, but it is not easy for a penniless lad with a father out of work to pay a fine—hence prison.

And as this sort of thing still happens one wonders how much longer we must keep a system that, in spite of all warnings of reformers, still catches the offender early and by the prison stamp confirms a criminal.

IT may be comforting to the citizen to know that there is a stern law in the land to put down crime, though there is nothing very shocking about sleeping out on a summer night, with a family of six in one room of a slum and four in the bed. But to smite a "copper"! The ruffian! No wonder he was punished.

But these things make one think, in view of recent statistics on juvenile crime. After a war there is often a crime-wave, sporadic and sensational acts rather than general deterioration of morale; but as civil routine settles gradually to its stride the curve drops and is now low, though unemployment and poverty were rarely more depressingly evident.

For the last five years there has been a decrease of 40 per cent. in serious and 70 per cent. in minor cases. In the five years ending 1914 indictments reached an annual average of 150,000, while in 1925 they reached only 40,000.

But it is the constantly recurring cases like the above that worry—the number of boys and girls still convicted.

It is one of the blots on to-day's page that the youngster, often for a silly indiscretion, goes to a prison cell, though one gratifying feature lies in the extension of the Probation Act, release without conviction. Over 90 per cent. of these cases do not return.

We are still making criminals out of young raw material that should be saved. The fear of jail is one of the best savers. Once that is blunted hope fails.

On examining the records one finds that no fewer than 1,500 boys and girls were sent to prison in a certain period without a previous conviction!

OF course, there were some bad cases; here and there a "bad-egg" one can do nothing with. But to send youths to prison for a trumpery offence and in default of payment makes me long to repeat to some of our magistrates the blistering comment a great surgeon and criminologist once made to me—not quite nice in print!

What have these dreadful miscreants done to society that they should be branded in jail?

In olden days a man was hanged for stealing a sheep, and at one period a man was broken on the wheel, hanged, drawn and quartered for a deed that would mean a 5s. fine to-day!

Even now a brute may kick his wife downstairs and pound her to a jelly for a moderate fine, while he who "nabs a crust" for a starving child may get hard labour.

And scarcely a day passes but we read of revolting acts of hideous cruelty to dumb animals that are dismissed with a caution.

BUT these children? Did none of us ever play naughty pranks in our wild days, or were we all sentimental milk-sops? The sooner the lamentable magisterial excuse that they go to jail in default of fine is altered the better.

Let us strain every effort to spare them the prison taint. There is no more precious thing in this weary world than mercy. And it is a more vital job than cricket or football or the cross-word puzzle.

We owe something to the late youth of this land. Short as our memories are, some of us have not yet forgotten the blood and flame of Ypres or the trench horrors of Gallipoli. We may want the new youth to give us a hand one of these day—

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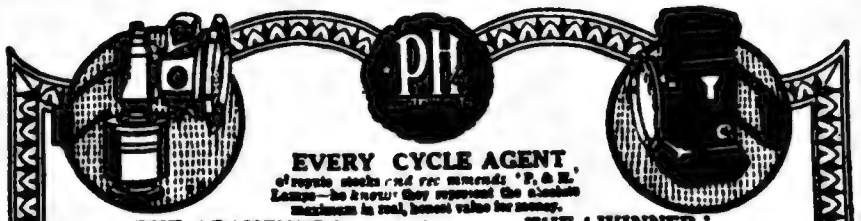


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# The Problem of Pain

## The Wrong Course—A Fiancee's Fears—The Missing Token

"I AM a working man, hard hit by trade depression. I married six years ago a girl who had been my sweetheart from schooldays, a good lovable girl who has been all that a wife could be, clean, honourable and hard-working, in spite of a terrible affliction, and we have a nice little home, which many of our neighbours might envy.

"A month after marriage our troubles began. My wife was suddenly stricken with epileptic fits. I put her under medical treatment, but, in spite of everything, the fits returned with increasing intensity and at more frequent intervals.

"At first, I was hopeful of her recovery, but after nearly six years I am beginning to lose hope. Now I am worried and puzzled.

"If I had been a sinful man and had ill-used my wife I should have looked upon what has befallen me as a just punishment. If she had not been a good woman, I should have felt that it was the same for her. But such is not the case.

"If mutual love could achieve anything, the miracle ought to have been worked. I have watched over her and cared for her; I have nursed her without assistance the clock round when she has been in the fits, never leaving her side for more than a few minutes at a time. I have come home from work and found her unconscious, sometimes badly bruised and burned.

"Our lives have been one long continuous misery through this pain that has been inflicted upon me and my loved one. I have prayed earnestly for my wife, but, in spite of all my prayers, I have had to watch my little helpmate slowly slipping away from me with intense suffering.

"I cannot believe that God intends His creatures to suffer like this, but why does He not remove the suffering? All the preachings and teachings of our clergymen at this moment seem to me to be false humbug.

"I feel I have the right to ask to be relieved of this suffering. Perhaps I am selfish; I do not know. You may be able to give me a crumb of comfort."

"HUMANIST" says: *I cannot deal fully with the problem of pain in the small space at my disposal, so I have written you at length. For the benefit of other readers, however, I would point out here that without suffering there could be no sympathy. Life from which all pain and sorrow had been eliminated might flow smoothly, but it would be as cold as a glacier. Many a man has been saved from the supreme sin of selfishness by the rousing of his sympathy. Pain is inflicted to purify as well as to punish and the hand that inflicts the wound is also held out to heal.*

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"I HAVE a sister whom I love dearly, but I am sorry to say that her way of living has caused me considerable distress.

### *Shunning a Sinner*

"During the war, when she was an innocent girl in her teens, she joined the Land Army and when she returned home there was a marked change in her.

"After a while she married a poor sort of a fellow and during the years that followed she had her full share of misery. As soon as her first baby was born her husband deserted her.

"She was prevailed upon to take him back, but the same thing happened again and again. In all five children have been born to her and on each occasion she has found herself left in the lurch when she most needed sympathy and assistance. Only two of the children are still living.

"After the final parting with her husband, her forlorn condition apparently aroused the sympathy of a man with whom she is now living. I have visited her fairly frequently and, although the union is irregular, she is happier now than she has been at any time since her girlhood.

"My wife is rather straitlaced and she strongly objects to my visiting my sister so long as she continues to live in sin.

"The problem with which I am faced is whether I should shun my sister for the sake of peace at home or visit her in secret."

"HUMANIST" says: *It is a great pity that your sister should have allowed herself to drift into an irregular association, but it cannot possibly help her if she is shunned by all her friends and relations. The attitude of a Pharisee in such circumstances is not an admirable one and I think both you and your wife should try to help your sister in every possible way.*

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"I AM a young man engaged to a girl aged nineteen, whose father and stepmother appear to be utterly indifferent to her welfare.

### *A Loveless Home*

"The climax to many acts of neglect and positive cruelty came last week, when one evening they went off to a theatre and refused to give her a key, so that she was compelled to wait in the street until they reached home after midnight.

"While waiting she was accosted by several undesirable men and was in a state of extreme nervousness amounting almost to terror when they returned.

"I was very indignant when I heard of this and I persuaded the girl to promise to marry me at once.

"I cannot help feeling that she would be far better away from such a loveless home, for parents who are so minded can exercise cruelty and make a daughter's life a hell on earth in many ways for which they could not be punished by law.

"I am earning quite enough to support a wife and I have saved sufficient to furnish a home. My fiancée fears, however, that her father, though he has no objection to me in his saner moments, may refuse his consent to the marriage merely to spite us.

"HUMANIST" says: *I agree with you that such a home is not a fit place for your fiancee, and she cannot be compelled to remain in it. Has she no relatives more considerate than her parents to whom she could go for a time to live with? Meanwhile, you can apply to the court for an order dispensing with parental consent to the marriage and, if all the circumstances are explained to the magistrate, such an order would probably be granted.*

## Hearts of Gold

GOLD has a warm colour, but the selfish love of it often turns hearts to ice. If you have prospered, keep your heart warm and glowing with love and pity and send a subscription to "The Greatest of These——" Fund to cheer those who are helpless and destitute. (See p. 42.)

"MY mother is a widow, and she is living with a brother of mine who has a good income, and resides in his own house. The rest of the family, with the exception of myself, are all in fairly good positions and all contribute to give my mother every possible comfort, which I know she has.

### *The Will and Deed*

"I myself am partly an invalid, and my husband and I have not been nearly so fortunate as the rest of the family. Until recently we have not been able to save a penny and now we are stinting ourselves to provide for a rainy day.

"The rest of the family know that I am trying to save and now they are continually suggesting that I ought to help with my mother's upkeep.

"Am I wrong in refusing? I would give her my last copper if it were necessary, but she has far more comforts than I myself, and does not want for anything."

"HUMANIST" says: *Look at the matter from another point of view. You say that your mother does not want for anything. So long as you refuse to send her some little token of your affection, she may deeply miss outward evidence of your love for her. You may think that the will should be taken for the deed, but your own life would be sweetened as well as your mother's happiness more assured if you made a little sacrifice now and again.*

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### *Kicking a Lame Dog*

"My husband was bound over under the First Offenders Act for a petty theft. He has since been unable to obtain work, for his late employer, while giving him a good character as a workman, always mentions that he was discharged for dishonesty. Can nothing be done?"

"Humanist" says: *Probably your husband's late employer feels it is his duty to tell the whole truth, though since the court applied the First Offenders Act, he would show a better spirit by giving the man another chance. Ask the probation officer to take up your husband's case.*

### *Reinforcements*

"For years past my father has brutally illtreated my mother and I have found it difficult to protect her. The man to whom I am engaged wishes me to marry soon, but I fear what might happen to my mother when I leave her. It seems hard to keep on postponing our marriage indefinitely, but what else can I do?"

"Humanist" says: *If your father is so cruel to your mother, she should have little difficulty in obtaining a separation order, but even if she does not wish to do so, there is no reason why you should not marry. Your father might mend his ways knowing that your protection of your mother was reinforced by that of your husband.*

### *The Man Pays*

"As the father of an illegitimate child, I have been condemned to pay 10s. a week for sixteen years. When I offered to marry the girl, she spat in my face. Is this right?"

"Humanist" says: *How is it wrong? Very properly an offer of marriage does not absolve the father of an illegitimate child from his obligation regarding its maintenance, and the manner in which the girl expressed her contempt for the cad who seduced her does not seem to me inappropriate.*

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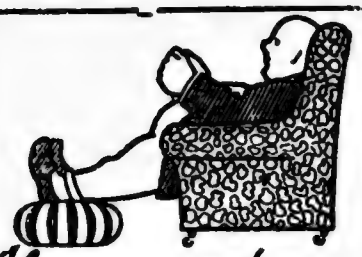

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# The Guilty Father

## Tragic Cowardice—Another "J.B." Triumph—The Coal Ramp

THERE are two concrete facts unmentioned in Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck's article, "Expose the Fathers!" First, the deciding consent of the woman is necessary before actual intercourse takes place; second, the woman bears all the effects of such intercourse. Even in these enlightened days, our young womanhood is practically kept in ignorance of sexual cause and effect. Teach girls, at the age of puberty, sexual progress from the very germ stage. —*J. Ferguson, Liverpool.*

### *Overdue Acts*

The New Bastardy Bill is monstrously overdue, and should be passed forthwith. Every honest voter should urge his local M.P. to favour the Bill. The sooner such Bills as the above, the Legitimacy Bill, and also Lord Buckmaster's Bill are made law the better.—*Brise, Nottingham.*

### *Make Them Pay!*

Even when affiliation orders are granted, little action is taken when the father defaults. Instead of ordering a weekly allowance, the man should be made to pay an adequate lump sum. If he cannot find the money his goods should be seized.—*F. R., Chelsea.*

### *Equal Rights*

Why not make it the law that an illegitimate child shall have an equal right to its father's property as have the father's legitimate children? Also that "illegitimate fathers" should not be able to evade this responsibility by willing it otherwise.—*W. B., Cardiff.*

### *Justice Outraged*

For the law to differentiate between two parties when each is equally guilty does not appear to be British justice. New legislation on this question is overdue, and such measures should not have to take their chance in the ballot.—*Mother, Leicester.*

### *Fit Punishment*

To allow any public authority to expose the fathers would do more good than all the other laws on illegitimacy put together, and would decrease the number of "unknown rascals" at large. That the woman alone pays we all know, but to make the men pay as well, both in exposure and money payment, would fit the crime.—*J. H., Lancashire.*

### *A Crying Shame*

When an overwrought mother stands in the dock to answer the charge of infanticide, it is a crying shame that the principal partner is not there to bear the penalty of his guilt. "Equal rights for women" has long been an election cry, but in one direction women have to bear a heavier burden than men. The Party that carries this issue to the poll will command a huge female vote.—*W. Leece, Liverpool.*

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### *Our Pitiable Premier*

Mr. A. G. Gardiner is severe but just in his condemnation of our wobbling Prime Minister. But the end of his tragic leadership is not seen fully yet. The miners will go back, beaten and vindictive. In the darkness of the pits they will remember they were beaten not so much by the owners, but by a pitiable, pipe-smoking Premier who had not the courage of his convictions.—*B., Sunderland.*

### *Can They Blush?*

Mr. E. Roffe Thompson's article should make landowners blush with shame. The scandalous increases of the so-called value of land and property puts a screw on industry, causes unemployment, and hinders the nation helpless to compete with more democratic countries. The apathy towards this vital matter is wickedly appalling.—*Disgusted, Croydon.*

### *The Basis of Utility*

Your contributor appears to be labouring under a misapprehension. The value of land is determined on the basis of utility—that is, minerals, agriculture, site, etc. Whether the land is vacant or in use there is no fundamental difference in value. All increase in land values is governed by an increase in utility. For instance, land containing coal is valuable in accordance with the yield and quality of coal. What is the good of taxing unused land if the intrinsic value remains the same?—*F. E. B., Manchester.*

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### *Blind Business Men*

Your contributor, Mr. Morison, draws attention to a state of affairs which should be apparent to British business men. The first maxim of business should be "Study your Customer," and the sooner the British merchants realise that foreign customers know what they want the better.—*Trader, Sileby.*

### *Who's Fattening?*

Who is getting the extra profit that accrues from the inflated price now charged for English coal? Is the returned miner getting higher wages? No. Are transit charges higher? No. Does the paying of wages to the "safety men" warrant an extra charge of 2s. per cwt.? No. Somebody is exploiting the long-suffering public.—*J. T. H. C., Bowes Park.*

### *The Black Sheep*

In a family of five children of respectable parents, all were trained in the same home till each went out into the world. Four are respectable members of the community; the fifth is now in a public institution after a life of moral looseness, lying and deceit. "The first slip" is not to blame, she being given chances time and again. Wherein have these parents been remiss?—*Hard Hit, Forfar.*

### *Defects in De'ec'ion*

JOHN BULL notes the belated appeal of local police to Scotland Yard in the Iris Watkins murder mystery. There is a desirable tendency towards international co-operation in police work. More unification is needed at home. Local forces should be linked up with Scotland Yard as an advisory board acting under Home Office authority, and to it all cases of serious, undetected crime should be reported immediately.—*Ex-Chief, Havant.*

### *Drudgery to Dignity*

Miss Mabel Horner is right in stressing the question of status in her article on the domestic service problem, and the importance of scientific training. Training alone, however, will not solve the problem. The means must be provided for applying it. By the extension and cheapening of electrical power and the application of scientific invention, much can yet be done to raise domestic service from the drudgery of slavedom to the dignity of housecraft.—*M. A. Downie, Acton.*

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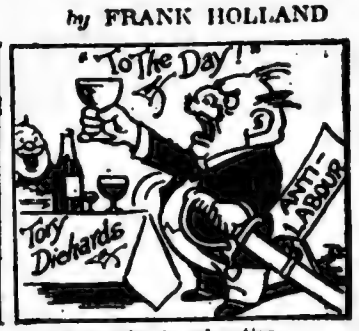


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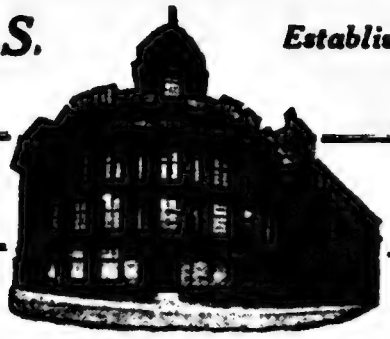

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# It Pays to Follow Wootton

## The Epsom Trainer's Splendid Record—The Cambridgeshire—Big Race Favourites Fail—Skin Sold for £40—Travelling Jockeys

BEFORE this issue of JOHN BULL reaches the last of its over a million readers, the Cesarewitch of 1926 will be turf history.

**40 to 1 to 10 to 1**

As there have been two 100 to 1 turn-ups in the last four years, it is not a race over which one can become very sanguine, but hope springs eternal in the human breast, and my hope is that Try Try Again will do the trick. Rhodes' four-year-old was on the 40 to 1 mark when I drew attention to her chance. At the moment of writing she is steady at 10 to 1.

**The Cambridgeshire**

Owing to the Cesarewitch, the shadow of the betting tax and the hard going, which is handicapping trainers in galloping their Cambridgeshire horses, the second half of the big back-end double has been pushed into the background. When the weights were first published, I selected Embargo and Cross Bow. Embargo is one of the few horses which have been backed substantially, and I do not regret my good word for him. Cross Bow will only be a live factor in the event of rain and plenty of it, so a waiting policy is advisable with this one from Manton. I shall have another opportunity to discuss the race and I do not think backers will lose much by sitting tight for a few days.

*The Maharajah of Rajpipla*

**Favourites and the Big Races**

A punter has asked me why I nearly always steer clear of the favourites. A glance at the black-list answers the question. King of Clubs 100 to 1, Colorado 100 to 8, Cross Bow 33 to 1, Perhaps So 100 to 6, Foxlaw 20 to 1, are quite sufficient to make one think twice. Certainly Coronach won the St. Leger at 9 to 2 on, Solario the Ascot Gold Cup at 6 to 4 on, and Glommen the Goodwood Cup at 11 to 10 on; but these are not of much use to the small backer. So far this season Warden of the Marches at 100 to 15 and Short Story, 5 to 1 for the Oaks, have been the two bright spots in a ghastly season.

**Pleasant Thoughts**

I understand that E. Forsyth, the crack South African jockey, has pleasant thoughts of England and intends to stay on for the 1927 season. I am not surprised. This clever young rider has steered Pleasant Thoughts, the unbeaten two-year-old, to victory in all of her four races. Pleasant Thoughts is a half-sister to Devachon, who was only beaten once in her first season.

**Wonderful Wootton**

If I were one of the judges appointed to decide our most astute trainer, I should hand it to Wootton. It is unwise to state in black and white how many winners Stanley has sent out, for by the time the ink is dry the figures are apt to be incorrect. At the moment of writing the Master of Treadwell House—they tread excellently—has over seventy successes to his credit, nearly twice as many as any other trainer.

**Market Pointers**

Following Wootton's horses when the money is down is one of the few certain ways of making money on the turf. The fish are small, but as so many of them rise to the top, they are very sweet. Of course, to keep in touch with the market it is necessary to attend the meetings. The horses to back are those that open favourite and harden, and those that open second or third favourite and owing to the flood of money oust the favourite. A kind friend asked me if I backed the Epsom stable at the recent A.P. meeting. I was able to say that I was on Modesty and Thistabel, but not Silverware. The two winners, Modesty and Thistabel, both opened at 9 to 4. One hardened to 7 to 4, the other to 6 to 4. Silverware came into the market at 7 to 4 and drifted out to 7 to 2.

**FOR YOUR NOTE-BOOK**

TIY, who did the code followers a good turn at Lingfield at 4 to 1, is very fast from the gate, and should be backed again.

LANSON.—I made a note of this Son-in-Law youngster when he ran third in the Ditch Mile Nursery at Newmarket. He is engaged at Catterick on Friday, and will most likely turn up at a long price.

ALACRITY should be noted for the Southfield Stakes at Newmarket on Friday. He beat Astre D'or very cleverly at A.P.

ZENO has not had the best of luck so far this season, but I shall be surprised if he does not win for Nightingall before the end of the Flat. He is engaged this week in the Rustic Selling Handicap at Lingfield.

PURPLE SHADE.—If this unlucky horse is ever going to win another race his chance occurs in the Lingfield Handicap. Seven furlongs is his best distance.

**Two of the Unlucky Brigade**

The Alexandra Park £1,000 sprint race is worth referring to as it revealed two certain winners—Golden Fairy and Priory Park. The latter failed at Kempton, but I am certain he will make good. It is almost impossible to see the start of the five-furlong races from Tatt's, but I think this one must have been very ragged. When I first saw the field Golden Fairy was well in the rear of the main body, and Priory Park was almost tailed off. Priory Park must have made up a dozen lengths in the straight, and only failed by a head to reach Sweet Cicely. In another couple of strides he would have won. Golden Fairy never looked like scoring, but she did well to run into third place.

**Skin Sold for £40**

"Persistent Plunger" has been following the stock of Hurry On and Phalaris, the two leading sires, and also the offspring of Tracery, the St. Leger winner. His Tracery horses are getting on in years, and he wants to know what has become of the stallion. Tracery is dead, Persistent Plunger, and all but its skin buried. The stallion died in 1924, and its skin was auctioned by Messrs. Tattersall in aid of a racing benevolent fund. If I remember rightly, Mr. R. C. Dawson, the Aga Khan's trainer, was the purchaser. He bid £40.

**Travelling Jockeys**

Most of our jockeys do an immense amount of travelling, but F. Winter's recent run round the country will take a bit of beating. On Monday he was riding at Brighton, Tuesday Hamilton Park, Wednesday Newmarket, Thursday Pontefract, Friday back to Newmarket, Saturday Alexandra Park. He had mounts at every meeting which he attended, but his six days' travel only resulted in two winners.

**Archibald the Wanderer**

The greatest traveller of all, Archibald, is leaving for India early next month. India is not new to the American jockey. Archibald was there fifteen years ago. He knows most of the courses on the Continent inside out, and was considered one of the best horsemen on the U.S.A. mud tracks.

**Exit Rubbish**

Rubbish, one of Gilpin's two-year-olds which has been down the course four times, is being shipped to Calcutta. There are others, perhaps not quite so aptly named, which I should like to see join her as travelling companions.

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AWAY WINNER.—Grimsby.

DRAWS.—Clapton O. v. Notts Forest, Port Vale v. Manchester C.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (NORTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Halifax, Hartlepools, Lincoln, Rochdale, Stockport.

AWAY WINNERS.—Nelson, Tranmere, Chesterfield.

DRAWS.—Barrow v. Rotherham, Crewe v. Stoke, Southport v. Wrexham.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (SOUTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Brentford, Brighton, Bristol R., Exeter, Luton, Millwall, Southend, Swindon.

AWAY WINNER.—Plymouth.

DRAWS.—Northampton v. Crystal Palace, Norwich v. Gillingham.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Celtic, Cowdenbeath, Hibs, Motherwell, Partick, Queen's Park.

AWAY WINNERS. — Airdrie, Glasgow Rangers.

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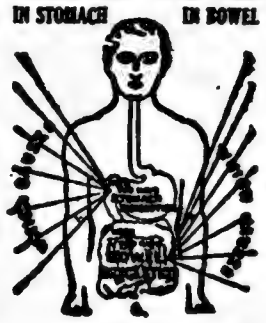

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T. B. (Cheam).—"Who started the love-at-first-sight theory?" Adam and Eve.

M. B. (Carmarthen).—"Marriage is a very good institution." Especially when nicely endowed.

Miss R. (Richmond).—"How do you like children?" Either at school or asleep.

N. H. W. (Ipswich).—"I am all out for drink veto!" Never even heard of the stuff.

T. P. (Walsall).—"It's worth while to listen even to a fool's advice." Write to us again.

J. H. (Bromley).—"I am very handy with all drawing materials." Pencils or corkscrews?

M. R. (Stoke).—"He vows he will become a boxing champion." Evidently he is after a real long rest.

Mrs. T. L. (Wallasey).—"He carries her picture in his watch." She is evidently the lady in the case.

S. G. (Finsbury Park).—"My grandfather was a distinguished traveller." What was his line?

G. H. (Stafford).—"I have had my voice tried twelve times in one week." How often was it convicted?

L. T. (Herne Bay).—"I've written a poem on the Great Wall of China." We've no time to go and read it.

M. J. H. (Wigan).—"Wireless has added many new words to the dictionary." And many more that aren't fit to go in.

JESSICA (Birmingham).—"I hope to rise to fame as a singer." We hope you don't intend to be a howling success.

GEORGE K. (Preston).—"I intend to marry although I am out of a job." Then you'll soon have a job on your hands.

Mrs. R. G. (Oxford).—"My husband pretended to be well off before we were married." Probably he was, and didn't know it.

W. S. (Bootle).—"Women are buying 20,000,000 fewer hair pins a day." So manufacturers of pipe-cleaners are now working overtime.

P. D. (Chatham).—"I have the misfortune to love two girls equally well. What shall I do to solve my problem?" Tell them so.

T. M. (Richmond).—"It seems to me there's little amusement to be got from the so-called comic papers." Well, what can you expect, when even *Punch* has lately become "dry"?

W. G. L. (Plymouth).—"Men should pay more attention to preserving their clothes." Yet breach of promise suits should never be pressed.

JOHN (Chelmsford).—"I travel in pyjamas." Our thoughts will be with you this winter.

TOM (Grimsby).—"I took first prize at our poultry show." Well done, old cock!

D. E. (York).—"How do florists grow such huge chrysanthemums?" It's a blooming mystery.

T. D. (Knebworth).—"Fowls are not what they used to be." No, they used to be chickens.

R. S. (Taunton).—"Which is the most valuable diamond in the world?" The ace.

G. S. L. (Salisbury).—"My car cost £2,000." Show us the writ.

T. N. R. (Malvern).—"How can I become a big contractor?" Grow a foot or so.

D. G. K. (Tipton).—"I am not a crank." But are you a self-starter?

Miss D. (Pimlico).—"It is impossible to love too much." But it is possible to love too many.

G. H. F. (Haslemere).—"Isn't it time a great English boxer arose?" They do—after the count of ten.

Mrs. E. E. S. (Erdington).—"I always bake my own bread." Yet we wager your husband supplies the dough.

D. S. (Singleton).—"My wife is a pianist, two daughters are violinists and my son is a cornetist." And you are evidently making headway as a pessimist.

J. H. (Manchester).—"I'll take care I never take orders from any man." Then you don't mean to earn your living as a commercial traveller.

Miss P. (Bentham).—"I saw the ghost as plainly as I see my own face in a mirror." That should be plain enough to make anybody shudder.

Mrs. G. (Hammersmith).—"Have you noticed that a loud talker is usually a very ignorant person?" We don't think the B.B.C. will like you to say that.

P. W. (Cardiff).—"He called me a mangy pup. Should I see a magistrate?" We should have thought it was a case for the vet.

J. McN. (Croydon).—"Can you tell me the name of the fastest animal that ever ran on Derby Day?" The welsher who owed us a tenner.

K. W. (Blackpool).—"Kissing is responsible for measles." Thank goodness, measles is a childish complaint.

G. M. (Neath).—"The printing of crime news manufactures criminals." Does the printing of recipes make puddings?

E. J. (Scarborough).—"Every night this year I have set down my thoughts in a book before retiring." Heavens, you must have nearly filled a page by now.

*She (gifted Hunt man, who has been thrown): "Now, sir, it's a good horse for you. He's coming back to me as quick as he can."*

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T. P. (Windsor).—"I played billiards all night—from supper till breakfast time." Without a break?

L. B. (Swanage).—"Winter is here." What a coincidence! It's here, too.

J. M. (Bakerton).—"What are your terms for my two-page article?" Scathing.

D. N. (Highbury).—"I looked round and she laughed." Perhaps fat men amuse her.

F. J. (Stockwell).—"I am on the Exchange now." Labour or Stock?

F. C. (Woking).—"There's only one thing that keeps me from marrying the girl." And that's the girl?

P. Y. (Camvor).—"A turkey leads a lord's life right up to Christmas." Then he gets it in the neck.

A. L. T. (Chepstow).—"A bridesmaid at my wedding married the best man." Is he still friendly with you?

A. A. (Durham).—"How does my attempt to write a tragedy strike you?" It strikes us as a perfect farce.

J. G. (Chesterfield).—"I have a strong brain." We shouldn't have thought so, judging by its weak think.

COLONEL (Dover).—"I suffer very much from my gout." But we bet not so much as the rest of the family!

J. P. (Sunderland).—"Will wireless ever take the place of newspapers?" Now, how could you wrap up fish and chips in ether?

D. C. (Boscombe).—"I can go out with any girl I please." It's rather a pity for you that you don't please one of them.

J. H. W. (Newcastle).—"Why do bagpipe players always keep on walking?" A moving object is more difficult to hit.

ARTIST (Clapham Park).—"I told him I could paint a speaking portrait of his wife." Evidently you don't want work.

B. R. (Fulham).—"My work as a telegraph operator keeps me very much on the alert." On wires all the time, so to speak?

H. N. (York).—"My three-year-old boy put one of my poems on the fire." He's learnt to read very early, hasn't he?

S. L. (Stoke).—"Some of the roads round here are dreadful." Why don't the authorities mend their ways?

T. A. L. (Mitcham).—"We had an eight-course dinner and then took a stroll under the moon." Was that full, too?

F. C. (Stamford).—"I don't like the idea of talking films." But at least they'll drown the chorus of sub-title readers.

Mrs. A. J. (S. Shields).—"Her ladyship was very polite, and personally took the trouble to show me out." No doubt it was a pleasure.

MOLLY G. (Southampton).—"My dress looked quite decent when I wore it at the dance." You must have felt quite out of place.

GRACE (Hampstead).—"My people grumble because I'm often late for meals." You should at least make an effort to get home by breakfast time.

F. W. (Nottingham).—"I think some enterprising publisher should bring out a book of "Don'ts" for pedestrians." Here it is—"Don't walk!"

A. F. (Leicester).—"My wife is always talking about her first husband." Presuming that you are her second, that's better than if she speculated on her third.

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J. B. (Hastings).—"I think I'll call on you one day and let you know what I've to say." And if you talk that foolish way we'll ask you please to stay away.

P. L. (London, S.W.).—"My husband has promised me a new carpet, but I don't know what colour to have." Why not a nice grey to go with the cigarette ash?

J. B. (Chelsea).—"I thought Jack Dempsey would be the winner and my wife thought Gene Tunney would be." You were both wrong. Tex Rickard came out best.

D. L. (Morden).—"As the result of a quarrel, my wife has threatened to leave me, and hasn't spoken to me for a week." So you're still not sure whether it's only an armistice or a lasting peace.

*(Many replies unavoidably held over.)*

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**OUR BROKEN ROMANCE PATCHED UP**
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**ARE WE A NATION OF ATHEISTS?**
By JOHN ENGLAND.

**THESE PART-TIME FOOTBALLERS**
By J. COLLINS, of West Ham.

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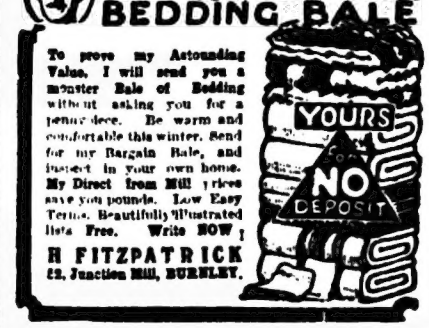


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Last week we received the following letter from a medical practitioner in the North of England:

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**He is a panel patient of mine and I can vouch for the reality of his need.**

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He has worked whenever his health permitted, but has never been able to earn more than £2 5s. a week, which has given him little opportunity of saving, after providing for his wife and four children.

For the greater part of the present year he has been laid aside and his only means of support have been 7s. 6d. weekly National Health Insurance benefit and assistance in kind from the guardians. The former benefit has now ceased, and he is at present receiving no sick or club pay.

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| ROAD TO PROSPERITY | WISER |
| BRITAIN'S BUSINESS | IN DREAMLAND |
| WHAT WE MUST DO | SHE WISHES THAT |
| MODERN LIFE | AFTER WORK |
| BUILDING THE EMPIRE | THE REFEREE |
| OUR FUTURE | FATHER AND MOTHER |
| WHY HE WAS HAPPY | PLEASING HER |
| SOMEWHERE | TENDERLY |
| IN FIFTY YEARS | SAVES TROUBLE |
| I THINK | NOT WANTED NOW |
| WHAT HIS WIFE SAID | POOR PAY |
| TRADE WAR | WHY SHE WAS SAD |
| A PRETTY FIGURE | BITING |
| BUSY | TRUE LOVE |
| SAVING LABOUR | WHEN SHE'S OLDER |
| THE MOTHERLAND | NOW I'M MARRIED |
| NEVER DONE | A MAN |
| A GOOD TIME | WHEN WE WAKE UP |
| SAID TO THE POLICEMAN | CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE |
| THE TOP DOG | HEALTHY |

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